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Juppé Gives **More Ground** In Bid to End French Strike

Prime Minister Says He'll Freeze Proposal To Change Rail System

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

PARIS - Prime Minister Alain Juppé gave more ground to striking transport unions on Monday evening, announcing that he would freeze a five-year restruc-turing plan for the state-owned rail system as labor leaders called for mass demon-strations to drive home their demands in a strike that has paralyzed much of the coun-

try for 18 days.

The rail plan has been one of the main issues in the strike.

Mr. Juppé also said that he was broadening talks with unions to cover employ-

He said that he had asked Labor Minister with unions next week. But the welfare changes on which he has staked the prestige of his government were not mentioned in a list of topics he suggested could be included in the talks.

It was unclear how the biggest unions involved in the strike, Workers' Force and the General Confederation of Workers, or CGT, would react to the moves, and there was no immediate reaction from the or-

But a smaller union that represents just under 6 percent of unionized rail workers, the Confederation of Christian Trade Unions, called for a reaum to work, saying Mr. Juppé had "agreed to all our de-

Earlier Monday, after meeting with Mr. Juppé, the leaders of Workers' Force and the CGT had appeared to reject the prime minister's efforts at compliancing mini

Juppe's stated willingness in a relevision and their undimmed finy two years later choices today—as it did when they over-interview Sunday to back down from some helped propel the reform leader, Boris N. aspects of his plan to true a \$50 billion Yelisin, to the presidency. deficit in France's social security fund, the Much has changed in Russia since then to support the ultranationalist Vladimir union leaders were holding out for a can-cellation of the government's susterity pro-The idea of the stolid working man still gram and possibly the fall of Mr. Juppe's has a deep emotional resonance, and what

hourlong meeting with Mr. Juppé, Marc miners here have one thing on their minds: Blondel, secretary-general of Workers' how to get rid of anyone connected with the Force, said Mr. Juppé needed to scrap all government that they helped bring to powhis proposed changes and begin conver- . er. sations anew on how to plug the deficit that threatens to destroy the social security sys-

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could be released soon.

which the Serbs objected.

SARAJEVO — Belgrade raised hopes on Monday that two French pilots shot down by Bosnian Serbs in August

Defense Minister Payle Bulatovic told a visiting NATO

delegation in Belgrade that the Bosnian Serbian author-

ities were preparing to issue a statement on the pilots and

hinted it would be positive. He also indicated the pilots were being held as bar-

gaining chips to force a renegotiation of some parts of the Bosnia peace deal agreed last month in Dayton, Ohio, to

In Paris on Monday, a presidential side said France was suspending threatened reprisals, which had been decided

our allies, on the other hand with Belgrade. Under these

conditions, the decisions taken by France will not be amounced today," the official said.

The official was speaking after President Jacques Chirac held the second meeting of the day with his defense

Intensive contacts are under way on the one hand with

but not yet announced, while talks continued.



Jacques Barrot to convoke a discussion Louis Viannet, head of the CGT union, holding forth to an eager press corps after meeting Monday with Mr. Juppé.

In Russian Arctic, the Voter Mood Is Icy Bitter Miners Favor Any Party but the Government's

By Michael Specter New York Times Service

VORKUTA, Russia - There is no such thing as moderation in the Arctic. Russia learned that lesson well enough a few years ago, when the coal miners of this former

c's has a deep emotional resonance, and what Not one among dozens of miners in-miners think still matters. With parliamenter terviewed here last week said they would

"I don't want to be one of these people who just says life was better under communism, though it was," said Lyudmila

French Airmen Could Be Freed Soon, Belgrade Hints

In Washington, the White House said "there has been

activity" on the question and added it was "very hopeful"

they would be released soon. There has been speculation

that Bosnian Serbs were holding the pilots to press for

changes in parts of the Dayton deal bringing Serbian-held

It was also thought the Serbs might be trying to overturn

a clause in the treaty barring indicted war criminals from

holding office. Both Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Ser-

bian leader, and his army commander, General Ratko

Mladic, have been indicted by the United Nations tribunal

evening deadline for the return of the pilots and threatened

The French government, which had set a Sunday-

"When the time comes, we will express ourselves," the

parts of Sarajevo under Muslim-Croat control.

coming out of Belgrade and Washington.

of Pale in NATO air raids on Aug. 30.

Yega mine here, one of the 13 that ring a in Vorkuta not long ago. Others seem atcity built by Stalin's prisoners.

It's much worse than that," "I voted for Yeltsin and cried when he won. We trusted him and all his reformers to give us a chance to work hard and live support Grigori Yavlinsky and his Yabloko better. We thought democracy was about

Zhirinovsky in parliamentary elections two

conservative government.

aniners think still matters. With parliamenterviewed here last week said they would be committing the unforgivable act of throwing their votes away.

Some will take a deep breath and vote for the Communists, like many of their work-

ing brethren across the country It is not a happy thought in this grim city, where thousands of simple wooden crosses Svedova, 60, chief economist at the Yun-remind people of what the Communists did

and foreign ministers on the fate of Captain Frédéric
Chiffot and Lieutenant José Souvignet, whose Mirage
2000 was shot down over the Bosnian Serbian stronghold
In Sarajevo, Serbs were preparing for a referendum in

retaliation, refused to comment on the optimistic reports suburbs against the peace deal. The protesters said they

tracted to the restrained nationalism and call for order of Alexander Lebed, a former general. A few, not totally ready to toss the ideas of democracy aside, said they would party. A couple of them said they still favored Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose star has dimmed across Russia.

But none said they were planning to vote for the government party, Our Home Is Russia, created by Mr. Yeltsin and led by his prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin. Many laughed when asked the question. Others spat. A few even cried. These are people deeply preoccupied with their futures. Some are here because their parents served --- and usually died -in the labor camps whose abandoned buildings still dot the single, icy road around the

Others were lured north of the Arctic Circle for the "long ruble," the extra money and benefits that Soviet workers received when they undertook particularly challenging and essential tasks or lived where nobody in his right mind would choose to live. "We are not unrealistic or

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In Sarajevo, Serbs were preparing for a referendum in

the Serbian-held northern and western suburbs, which

revert to government control under the terms of the peace

plan. Western governments insist the outcome of Tues-

day's referendum will have no effect on the Bosnian peace

The referendum was organized by Bosnian Serbian

leaders to highlight what they say is the impossible

predicament of Serbs being forced to choose between

living under the rule of their former Muslim and Croat

residents rallied to say they could live happily alongside the Serbs. Some 3,000 people, Serbs as well as the city's majority Muslims, gathered on the city's main street in an organized counterblast to recent protests in Serbian-held

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But in a counterdemonstration in the capital, Sarajevo

deal, due to be formally signed in Paris on Thursday.

enemies or leaving their homes.

Agnelli to Resign In Fiat Shake-Up

Successor at Automaker Is 72 And a Target of Prosecutors

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

Gianni Agnelli, the chairman of Fiat, unexpectedly announced Monday that he would step down next spring and turn over control of Italy's biggest private-sector corporation to Cesare Romiti, its 72-yearold chief executive, whose indictment was sought by prosecutors only last week.

The move will end a 30-year reign at Fiat during which Mr. Agnelli, scion of one of Europe's best-known corporate dynasties, consolidated financial, industrial, media and political power and became known as

Italy's "uncrowned king."
Mr. Agnelli had indicated that he would leave the belm of Fiat by 1996, when he turns 75, but his choice of Mr. Romiti as successor surprised some Fiat-watchers because the latter is so near to retirement himself and has faced various investigations by anti-comption magistrates.

Prosecutors in Turin said five days ago that they would seek to indictment on charges of illegal financing of political par-ties, providing false information and tax frand. He has denied any wrongdoing.

The prosecutors also want to indict Francesco Paolo Mattioli, the Turin-based automaker's chief financial officer and a longtime associate of Mr. Romiti's.

Ernesto Auci, a spokesman for Fiat, quoted Mr. Agnelli on Monday as saying "that he was sure this matter would be resolved in a positive manner" and that Mr. Romiti would be "acquitted of any wrongdoing." Mr. Agnelli, who bas suffered from heart problems, told 500 top Fiat managers

Monday that Mr. Romiti would serve as Fiat chief for the "next few years" in order to prepare for a "generational passage." That is believed to be a reference to the likelihood that Mr. Romiti will be succeeded by Giovanni Alberto Agnelli, the chairman's 32-year-old American-educated nephew who presides over the Piaggio motor scooter company in Tuscany.

The outgoing Fiat chairman, a playboy-urned-industrialist who captured the imag-ination of gossip magazines in the 1950s and 1960s and who is the grandson of the company's founder, was groomed from youth to take over the family business.

In Italy, Mr. Agnelli is more than just the chairman and major shareholder of a company expected to have 1995 sales of nearly \$50 billion and a work force of 240,000. He is also seen as being more powerful than any prime minister and is known for his friendships with noted figures ranging from Henry Kissinger, the former U.S. secretary of state, to members of the Kennedy family.

The appointment of Mr. Romiti, a square-jawed former state industry manager who has cultivated a tough-guy image since joining Fiat in 1974, raised questions about the future.

Despite Mr. Agnelli's assertion that Mr. Romiti would not head Fiat for long, observers noted that he has had distinctly cool relations for years with Umberto Agnelli, Gianni Agnelli's younger brother and the father of Giovanni Alberto Agnelli.

"Romiti has always been more powerful than his nominal boss, Gianni Agnelli," a senior executive from a rival company said, "and now he will probably try to stay until he is 80."

In Italian finance, Mr. Romiti is a close ally of Enrico Cuccia, the 87-year-old head of Mediobanca, the secretive and powerful Milan merchant bank.

Mr. Romiti has also been closely as-sociated with Gemina, a holding company under the control of Fiat and Mediobanca that angered many international and domestic investors this annum by trying to take control of the Ferruzzi group, which is involved in industries ranging from chemicals to insurance.

Before the deal collapsed, investors comained that Mediobanca was beloing Gemina to take over Ferruzzi in a manner that ignored minority shareholders' interests.

ASEAN Reaps Benefits Of Its Free-Trade Course

By Michael Richardson International Herold Tribune

BANGKOK - Trade in Southeast Asia has jumped sharply since ASEAN liberalized trading rules among its members, and it will expand further after leaders of the group endorse more reforms this week, officials said Monday.

The Association of South East Asian Nations will extend its preferential trade agreement, known as the ASEAN Free Trade Area, to services on Friday, officials said. The pact was launched in January 1993 with a focus on trade in goods.

The value of trade among the ASEAN members surged 41 percent last year, to just over \$111 billion from \$79 billion in 1993, figures compiled by the ASEAN secretariat in Jakarta show. That compares with the European Union's 1994 com-merce of 761.1 billion European currency mits (\$987.9 billion).

ASEAN's total two-way trade, with the outside world as well as within the region. rose about 30 percent, to \$506 billion in 1994 from \$419 billion in 1993.

Amnuay Viravan, Thailand's deputy prime minister, said Monday that the seven members of the Association of South East Asian Nations had agreed to start negotiations immediately to liberalize trade in such areas as aviation, shipping and pos-sibly business services and construction. The seven are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and

Vietnam. Mr. Amnuay said a detailed action plan for removing barriers would be drawn up within three years for approval by the next ASEAN summit meeting in

But he said progress could be much faster in three of the highest priority areas tourism, financial services and telecommunications - where agreement could be reached on a liberalization program within a

Analysts said that growing evidence of the effectiveness of the ASEAN free-trade plan was likely to increase concern in the West that it would discriminate against imports from industrialized countries and impede global trade liberalization, although this is denied by ASEAN officials.
After talks with ASEAN economic min-

isters in Bangkok on Monday, Sir Leon Brittan, vice president of the European Commission, said studies by the World Trade Organization showed that so long as a regional trading arrangement did not raise external barriers as it lowered internal ones, the harm done by any diversion of trade was outweighed by the new oppor-tunities for business provided by additional growth in regional economies.

"So I don't want to make any com-plaint" about the ASEAN free-trade area.

With a total population of 420 million, the ASEAN preferential trade zone is larger

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Godzilla Dies, but Hype Breeds Hope recreate the flavor of the Japanese ver-

TOKYO - Godzilla is dead, and fans are planning a Christmas Eve funeral for Japan's greatest movie monster.

The creature that ravaged Tokyo for four decades, destroying more buildings than the world's richest country could ever afford to replace, died on the screen Saturday in the premiere of his last film.

Hollywood is planning a high-tech reincarnation of the fire-breathing dinosaur, but it remains to be seen whether computer graphics and American know-how can

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(\$52) to mark his last movie opening, Godzilla vs. Destroyer."

Godzilla, in his 22d and supposedly last movie, dies in the waterfront area of the Japanese capital. The travel agency said it planned the

funeral tour as an answer to "requests by fans shocked by Godzilla's death."

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The trip will take mourners to the Tokyo metropolitan government building, the Parliament, the Ginza district and other

For purists, the Nippon Travel Agency will offer a one-day "funeral tour" of Tokyo on Christmas Eve for 5,200 yen

Over 41 years, Godzilla has destroyed Over 41 years, Godzilla has destroyed much of Tokyo, but after each visit the city's architecture has been remarkably restored.

The monster also has defeated every high-technology device pitted against him from jet-fighter aircraft to mechanical nemeses - survived all the weapons of war and destroyed the landmark Tokyo Tower countless times.

The tour will also visit a square in the movie-house area of the Hibiya district in Tokyo where Godzilla's moviemaker, Toho Co., unveiled a one-meter bronze statue of the famous monster on Dec. 3.

He's taller in the movies. His height usually varied with Tokyo's high-rises, but he always towered over the skyscrapers. The tour will also give fans a chance to lay a wreath at the spot where Godzilla meets his end, the travel agency said. Godzilla first stormed the screen in

the bottom of the South Pacific. But his ultimate destination was Tokyo, Page 7. Sports Pages 22-23. to which he swam, and where, watched by



exploded Monday, killing at least five people and wounding a dozen. Page 5.

Sad Tale of a Pacific Island

THE AMERICAS \$100 Billion Found for U.S. Budget

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AGENDA

Israeli Troops Leave Nablus

NABLUS, West Bank (Reuters) The Israeli Army on Monday pulled out of Nablus, the biggest town in the West Bank, as part of a transfer of authority to

Several hundred residents cheered, danced in the streets and fired into the air after soldiers withdrew two days ahead of schedule from the military headquarters in the northern West Bank town. 'The handover is starting earlier than

scheduled in the city of Nablus," said one Palestinian official. The official said the chairman fo the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, had appointed Tayeb Abdel

Rahim, secretary-general of the Palestinian Authority, to head a committee to take over governing Nablus from the Israelis on Tuesday morning.
Separately, President Bill Clinton said in Washington that he was sending Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher to the Middle East on Thursday in '

an effort to revive peace talks between Israel and Syria. (Page 9)

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1954, when a hydrogen bomb test awak-ened the giant dinosaur from a long sleep at Page 20. millions, he became a hero.

Lush Nauru Disappears Under the Miner's Shovel

By Philip Shenon
New York Tunes Service

AREN, Nauru - Even the most diligent mapmaker might be excused for overlooking this timy wind-buffeted island — a spit of sand and coral hidden in an obscure stretch of the western Pacific, a place literally close to

Nauru is the world's smallest and most isolated republic. The island has an area of 20 square kilometers (8 square miles) and it is so remote that the nearest island of any size is

hundreds of kilometers away.

But Nauru generates wealth that might make a few oil-rich potentates envious.

Thanks in part to what was left behind by the seabirds that have sought refuge here over hundreds of thousands of years, this island's 7,500 people are among the richest in the world, at least on paper, because of phosphate mines that bring in tens of millions of dollars a

The phosphate, the product of fossilized bird guano and a primeval stew of marine microorganisms, is exported as fertilizer, most of it to Australia, Nauru's former ruler. It is Nauru's other distinction that has cre-

ated an anguished quandary for these islanders, and a case study for environmentalists and anthropologists in bow easy it is to destroy a tropical ecosystem and crush a na-

Inch for i.ch. Nauru is the most envi-ronmentally ravaged nation on earth. So much of the island has been devoured by stripmining begun 90 years ago that Nauruans face the prospect that they may have to abandon their bleak, depleted home.

If it comes to that, they are expecting the outside world, and especially the former colonialists who first plundered their mineral wealth, to help them find a new island.

"I wish we'd never discovered that phos-phate," said the Reverend James Aingimea 84, minister of the Nauru Congregational Church, "I wish Nauru could be like it was before. When I was a boy, it was so beautiful. There were trees. It was green everywhere, and we could eat the fresh coconuts and breadfruit. Now I see what has happened here, and I want to cry.

Not only the land is ravaged. While Nauruans may be among the world's most affluent people, they are also among the most sickly, racked by diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity brought on by a diet of fatty, imported food. Few Nauruans live much

past the age of 60. When European sailors first caught sight of Nauru in the 18th century, they were so enchanted by its luxuriant tropical vegetation that they called it Pleasant Island. Today, the name is a bitter joke.

"After generations of mining, the environ-mental devastation of Naura is nearly total. Four-fifths of the island has been mined out, leaving behind a pitted, ghostly moonscape of gray limestone pinnacles, some as tall as 25 meters (75 feet). The only habitable land is a narrow coastal fringe shaded by coconut

Because of the mining, even the weather from the plateau drive away rain clouds, leaving the sun-baked island plagued by constant drought. Taps run dry more than half the

The last phosphate deposits are expected to be extracted within five years, which means that Nauruans may have to live on a thin slice



of the island, supporting themselves only from the interest on trust funds.

But is that money being squandered? The government does not make public the exact size of the phosphate trust fund, but it is estimated at \$500 million to \$1 billion. The Naumans own several large pieces of real estate around the world, including office towers, hotels and golf courses in Australia,

UT Nauruans worry about how the trust funds are being invested, and their concern has only grown in light of recent examples of millions of dollars being frittered away, most publicly in than \$2 million in a failed London musical based on the life of Leonardo da Vinci. Not coincidentally, the musical, "Leonardo, Portrait of Love," was co-written by one of the country's British financial advisers.

More worrying to many of these islanders was the indictment in New York in October of eight Americans on charges of engineering an investment scam in which Nauru lost at least

An Australian lawyer working in the London office of one of Australia's most reputable law firms persuaded the trust overseeing the phosphate royalties to buy \$60 million in bogus letters of credit and bank notes. Nauru says it has recovered \$48 million so far. The Australian, who divided the money with the

Helen Bogdan, a spokeswoman for the Nauru government, acknowledged that the New York case "raises concerns for Nauru and its trust funds, but you must realize that Nauru invested its money with a leading Australian law firm," which was "entrusted to invest the money with care and skill."

If the trust funds are squandered, Nauruans

have no employable skills.

the Philippines and other Pacific islands do the manual labor that the Nauruans will no longer do themselves. Nauruans stopped farming decades ago when, with the easy income from phosphate, they discovered the convenience ipped-in canned and frozen

vegetables has been replaced by Spam, canned corned beef, potato chips and beer. A result is one of the highest rates of obesity and diabetes in the world. Life expectancy is only 50 for men and 55 for women. Many Nauruans believe that colonialism

Americans, is already in jail.

face a future as nightmarish as the panorama across the island's mined-out plateau. Many

Thousands of workers from China, India, For most, a traditional diet of fresh fish and The Germans, who controlled the island from 1888 until World War I, banned native

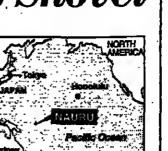
dancing as pagan, and today only a handful of elderly Nauruans have even the barest recoflection of how the sacred dances should be performed.

"Our cultural traditions have been basi-cally wiped out," said Maggie Jacob, 49, a Nauruan teacher who is trying to introduce Nauruan studies in the schools.

HE Germans began mining phos-phate in 1907. In World War I, the Australians seized Namu and, apart from the Japanese occupation of the island in World War II, controlled it until independence in 1968.

In 1989, Nauru sued Australia in the International Court of Justice, asking that it pay for the rehabilitation of one-third of the island the area destroyed by mining during the colonial era. Two years ago, Australia settled the suit for about \$75 million.

The Nauruans plan to use the money to knock down hundreds of thousands of the lifeless coral pinnacles, and then to lay down topsoil in hopes of coaxing pandanus, mango



Much of Nauru has been destroyed by decades of strip-mining, which has left behind a moonscape of gray limestone pinnacles, left. It is so ravaged its residents may have to abandon the island.



and breadfruit trees to grow again. damaged, if not destroyed, what had been one Environmentalists say it is unlikely that the of the most advanced island cultures in the land will ever produce enough food to feed the

> The other option is to uproot the population and move to another island. In the 1960s, the Australians offered an island off the coast of the Australian state of Queensland, but Nanru's leaders rejected the proposal because they would not have been given complete

sovereignty.

Many Nauroans say their aimation is so hopeless that they must now reconsider a move, possibly even to buy a new island home from one of Nauru's Pacific neighbors.

Reverend Aingimea agreed reinctantly that t might soon be time for Nauruans to leave. 'It would be very sad to leave our native island," he said. "But what else can we do? The land of our ancestors has been de-

COMING UP

The three and a half years of Russia's extraordinarily difficult transformation have taken a big emotional toll on Nina Zvereva and her younger sister, Natasha.

U.S. Keeps Grip On A-Materials But Europeans May Get

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - After more than a year of archous negotiations, the Clinton administration has failed to persuade European allies to accept restrictions on the use and disposal of U.S.-origin nuclear fu-

Instead, President Bill Clinton has sent to Congress a proposed agreement in which the United States asserts the right to control the disposition of such materials but gives the Europeans a long-term waiver in ad-

The agreement would give members of the European Atomic Energy Agency, or Euratom, the right to produce, store and ship plutonium extracted from nuclear fuel of U.S. origin without obtaining U.S. government approval each

State Department officials said the new agreement was crucial to fulfilling a deal to purchase 500 metric tons of bomb-grade uranium from Russia and convert it into commercial nuclear fuel.

The U.S. agent for that transaction, the U.S. Enrichment Corp., based in Bethesda, Maryland, must have access to the European market if it is to fulfill the terms for the deal, the

The agreement is a comproof a 1978 U.S. law seeking righter controls on nuclear transactions and the Europeans' insistence on remaining free of such controls.

"This agreement meets all legal requirements of the Atomic Energy Act." Mr. Clinton said in a Nov. 28 letter to Representative Edward I. Markey, Democrat of Massachusetts. The U.S.-Enratoin Nuclear

Cooperation Agreement is a cornerstone of the international U.S. nonproliferation policy.
Originally negotiated in the
1950s, when the United States had a monopoly in the non-Communist world on miclear fuel and technology, it set the terms by which European allies could obtain such materials for peaceful purposes.

end of this month. Without an Europeans would be precluded determine whether any partic-from reprocessing U.S. origin ular activity involving U.S. ori-spent fuel or shipping it to gin nuclear material would or Japan for that country's commercial nuclear program, as now permitted.

TRAVEL UPDATE

A Long-Term Waiver The expiring agreement gave the United States veto power over European exports of nuclear materials to countries outside Euratom, which is the nuclear energy agency of the European Union.

In 1978, Congress directed the White House and State Department to renegotiate the agreement to add U.S. authority over a wide range of nuclear fuel activities, plutonium sep-aration and nuclear fuel stor-

produce their own nuclear fuel or buy it from Russia, refused to accept the conditions dictated

The result was "very tough negotiations, the toughest I have been involved in," said Fred McGoldrick, deputy director of the State Department's Office of Nuclear Energy Af-

"We met the mandate of the law," he said.

One independent analyst likened the new agreement to a deal between parent and teenager over use of a car: "You are entitled to drive it and you don't have to ask every. time, but we have the right to revoke the privilege if you drive

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As long as the Europeans bide by international nouproliferation rules and limit the miclear material to peaceful use, they will have "long-term advance consent" to use and dispose of the material.

The arrangement assumes that European allies such as Belgium and Italy share the U.S. desire to avoid miclear. proliferation or the development of nuclear capability by

nations such as Iraq.

That trust is not shared by Paul Leventhal, director of the Washington-based Nuclear Control Institute, a nonproliferation watchdog group. He has nuclear fuel industry and of mounted a one-man campaign for congressional rejection of. the accord, argoing that the Europeans cannot necessarily be trusted and that the agreement does not meet the requirements of U.S. law.

He said the new Euratom agreement "does away with U.S. consent rights altogeth.

Tt effectively delegates to agreement, under U.S. law the the Europeans the authority to would not be consistent with basic U.S. nonproliferation requirements," he said.

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Britain and Libya Oust Each Other's Envoys

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LONDON — Britain expelled a senior Libyan diplomat on Monday whom it accused of spying on and intimidating Libyan dissidents, official

sources said. In response, Libya ordered the expulsion of the head of the British interests section in Tripoli, the Libyan Foreign Ministry announced there.

LEGAL NOTICE



COUNTRIES

The British Foreign Office gave the diplomat, Khalifa Ahmed Bazelya, until Christmas Day to leave the country, saying in a statement that he had engaged in "activity incompatible with his diplomatic status."

The official statement used diplomatic parlance for expulsions and did not elaborate. Government sources said

Mr. Bazelya, who came to Britain in April 1993, had been keeping Libyan dissidents under surveillance. Earlier, the Saudi Arabian France.

ambassador, Ghazi Algo Saibi, was summoned to the Foreign Office to be told that Mr. Bazelya must go. He is one of only three Libyan diplomats in Britain. They operate out of a 'special interests' section in the Sandi Embassy. Britain severed diplomatic relations with Libya in 1984. (AP, AFP)

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French Strike Goes Into 18th Day

day on Monday. This is a summary of the disruption:

· Trains and Paris underground Métro and bus services remained out of action. Public transport in Toulouse, Remes and Bordeaux was also halted, while services in other major provincial cities were severely disrupted. The Eurostar cross-Channel rail service was canceled for the third consecutive day.

 Morning traffic jams built up to a total 200 kilometers around An air traffic controllers' strike caused minor flight delays.

Air Inter warned of possible industrial action on Tuesday.

The ports of Nantes, Marseille, Bordeaux and Saint-Malo were closed. The ferry service to Corsica was canceled, and services to islands off the Brittany coast were disrupted. · Power capacity was down by about one-sixth, with minor intermittent power outages in Paris and southern

Israel Warns of Terror Attacks

alert against attacks when they go abroad.

Yigal Pressler, an adviser to Prime Minister Shimon Peres issued a statement saying: "The prime minister's adviser on terrorism calls on Israeli citizens going abroad to increase their alertness regarding security, since we have learned of possible intentions to carry out attacks on Israeli and Jewish targets abroad." He gave no details on how Israel knew of possible attacks or what group it feared might carry them out. In October, Israel heightened security at its embassies and at

Jewish sites abroad against attacks by Islamic Jihad after the

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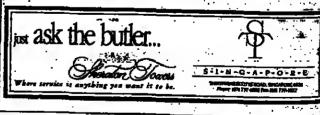
assination of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shkaki in Malta on Oct. PARIS — Public sector strikes paralyzed France for the 18th Israel did not respond to accusations that it was responsible for the

> A packed SAS plane taking off from Charles de Gaulle International Airport in Paris nearly crashed when it slammed into a wheel left on the runway after falling off a Japanese plane, an SAS spokesman said. The incident occurred last Wednesday as the Scandinavian Airlines System bound for Copenhagen hit the wheel at a speed of 190 kilometers an bour. The wheel had not been removed from the runway after being lost the same day by an All Nippon Airways Boeing 747 cargo plane.

A Boeing 747 passenger jet came close to disaster at Austerdam's Schiphol Airport on Sunday when it scraped a wing tip and engine along the runway during an aborted landing, aviation safety inspectors said Monday. The Tower Airlines jet carrying 288 passengers and 17 crew pulled out of the landing at the last moment because of poor visibility, but was so low that the last moment because of poor visibility, but was so low that the last moment because of poor visibility, but was so low that the last moment because of poor visibility, but was so low that the last moment because of poor visibility, but was so low that the last moment because of poor visibility, but was so low that the last moment because of poor visibility, but was so low that the last moment because of poor visibility. tip of the right wing and engine number four hit the tarmac. An Aviation Board official said the damage went unnoticed at first STACI WATERS OF LETTOF ALLECES

and was not spotted until the plane was being refueled, but could clearly have had tragic consequences.

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\$100 Billion Found To Balance Budget New Projection Optimistic

By Eric Pianin Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -- Congressional Republican leaders and the White House will have more than \$100 billion of additional funds to use in bridging their differences over a sevenyear balanced budget plan because of a new, more optimistic economic and spending forecast by the Congressional Budget Office, according to

The forecast, to be made public this week, will replace morepessimistic projections used by the Republicans in preparing their balanced budget.

A major stumbling block to a compromise has been a dispute over which set of economic assumptions to use in determining how much spending will be allowed during the next seven years as the government gradually moves toward a balanced

Away From **Politics**

 The black activist who burned alive seven lowwage workers in a Harlem clothing store before killing himself has been named as Roland Smith, 51, who used the name Abubunde Mulocko, the police said, adding that he had a 33-year

• Four people were killed when a subcompact car collided with a van carrying a group of women home from a bingo game, authorities in Altoona, Pennsylvania, said. (AP)

• The demise of a 76year-old woman who died with a plastic bag over her head while her husband and two sons watched is being investigated as an assisted suicide, police in Joplin, Missouri, said.

budget. The White House con-tends that it should be able to spend at least \$400 billion more than the Republicans, using forecasts of economic growth, interest rates and other factors.

They were provided by the administration's Office of Management and Budget rather than the more conservative Congressional Budget Office, the major budget referee for

The new figures would narrow the gap between the op-posing forces by more than \$100 billion. A proposal under consideration by the Republi-cans and the White House to shave a fraction of a percentage point off the cost-of-living adjustments for social security and other government programs might close the gap even

Although the two sides remain far apart on a broad range of issues, including spending cuts and policy changes in Medicare and Medicaid, the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, and the Senate majority leader. Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, said over the weekend that the said over the weekend that the new figures were critical to forging a budget and tax-cut deal before the deadline on Friday and averting another partial government shutdown.

Budget talks between the Republicans and administration and congressional Democratic leaders have been stormy and generally unproductive in the last two weeks, Relations appeared to sour even more after President Bill Clinton unveiled a seven-year budget plan of his own late last week that the Republicans insisted was wide of the mark.

Over the weekend, however, Mr. Dole and Mr. Gingrich appeared more upbeat and urged President Clinton, in a tele-phone call to Air Force One as he flew to Washington from Arkansas, to meet with them to try to negotiate a compromise before he leaves Wednesday for Paris for the signing of the



A man trudging home as a blizzard dumped 34 inches of snow on Buffalo, New York.

'Awesome' Storm Buries Buffalo

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, New York — A blinding blitz of white has buried Buffalo in a record 34 inches of snow, shutting down the airport, canceling schools and turning malls into pre-Christmas ghost towns. And snow was falling

Monday, with up to 4 more inches expected.
"It's unbelievable," said Robert Stone. manager at Greater Buffalo International Air-

port. "It's really awesome to be out here and see this snow fall in such a short time."

The nearly 3 feet that fell by Sunday night broke the previous 24-hour record of 25 inches (64 centimeters) set in January 1982. The snow closed the airport Sunday, canceling more than

200 flights. Officials resumed flights Monday. A state of emergency was in effect, with all nonurgent travel barred from the streets.

Burned Subway Worker Dies Two More Attacks Reported in New York

New York Times Service

in a botched robbery has died.

The death of the 50-year-old clerk, Harry P. Kaufman, came on token booths were reported. tacks, one in the borough of in the attack.

NEW YORK — The subway en the number of similar intoken clerk who suffered burns cidents since the Nov. 22 release ical condition since Nov. 26, and lung damage two weeks of the film "Money Train," in when he suffered second- and ago when two men turned his which a pyromaniac sets token third-degree burns over 80 per-Brooklyn booth into an inferno booths ablaze with flammable cent of his body and severe lung

icized as promoting violence.

The new attacks brought to sev- Queens, the other in Brooklyn. Mr. Kaufman had been in critliquid. The movie has been crit- injuries from smoke after two men squirted a liquid through the No one was seriously hurt in token slot and ignited it with a Sunday as two more fire attacks either of the two weekend at- match. No one has been arrested

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An Arkansas Farewell

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - President Bill Clinton came back to his political hometown during the weekend for parties marking some-thing he rarely considers a reason to celebrate: the retirement of a Democratic senator.

But he made an exception for Senator David H. Pryor, who has been an ally and mentor since Mr. Clinton first held office in Little

"This is a night I hoped would never come," Mr. Clinton told Arkansas Democrats at a dinner that also helped raise \$500,000 for

a state party that is broke. Mr. Clinton has said that since coming to Washington he has counted on Mr. Pryor, his predecessor as governor of Arkansas, and Senator Dale Bumpers, for a continuation of the informal coaching the two older men long ago informal coaching the two older men long ago information and coming politician. (NYT)

gave the up-and-coming politician. Standoff on Subpoena

WASHINGTON - When the Senate Whitewater committee convenes this week to debate President Bill Clinton's decision to defy its subpoena, the senators will be adding to an already rich history of confrontation between lawmakers and witnesses over the attomey-client privilege.

Last Friday, the committee ordered a former White House aide to provide the notes of a 1993 meeting in which senior advisers and lawyers of Mr. Clinton conferred about White-

The White House has said that on Tuesday, the deadline for responding to the subpoena, it will assert that the meeting was protected by the privilege and that Mr. Clinton has as much right to confidentiality in dealings with his lawyers as he has with his minister and his

The president made such an assertion in an interview published Sunday by the Arkansas me that if that's going to be the rule, then perhaps a judge ought to decide that and ought to determine what the limits of it are." (NYT)

Gingrich Pressure on Iran

WASHINGTON — In highly unusual move for a congressional leader, the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, who is a Republican of Georgia, has intervened in House-Senate negotiations over the budget of the CIA and other intelligence agencies to push for a new covert-action program to destabilize the government of Iran, according to sources in the

intelligence community.

Mr. Gingrich's demand for some \$18 million in funding for covert action in Iran has become the major reason for a lengthy and continuing delay on an agreement between House and Senate bargainers on the roughly \$28 billion classified budget for the U.S. in-

telligence community. Senate Republican leaders and the Clinton administration have opposed Mr. Gingrich's proposal because they believe that such a program would be ineffective and could needlessly poison U.S. relations with the Islamic

A spokesman for Mr. Gingrich, Tony Blankley, refused to comment on the reports. One source said the speaker sees Iran as an 'evil empire' and believes strongly that the United States should try to oust its current

Administration officials fear that public discussion of any program to destabilize Iran could greatly complicate U.S. efforts to secure international support for other measures to apply pressure on that nation. The United States currently has tough trade sanctions in place against Iran because of charges that it supports terrorist activity.

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President Bill Clinton on talks with the Democrat-Gazette in Little Rock. 'In all the history of these inquiries, no one has ever asserted before that the president should have to be able to agree on one thing: Nobody no personal lawyer-client relationship." he said. "And so that is the issue. And it seems to emment down right before Christmas." (AP)

A Bit of Latin Adds to Rancor in Canada

words are the focus of a new such matters, Minister of Canaidentity crisis in Canada five dian Heritage Michel Dupuy. weeks after the Quebec independence referendum nearly rowed from the motto inscribed caused the country's breakup. In July 1994, the government

altered the Canadian coat of arms, adding the Latin inscription Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam - Desiring a Better Country. But it apparently failed to tell anyone until the matter came up last week in the

ten takes nationalist stances, ac-

The Latin words were boron the Order of Canada medal, the country's highest award.

those of England, Scotland, Ireland and France, with a sprig of maple on a silver shield to mark

other Larin inscription, A Mari cused the government of tinker- Usque Ad Mare — From Sea to ing with national symbols at a Sea — Reform Party members

to give the coat of arms "a more Alberta, asserted that the Canadian character," said the change had been slipped past TORONTO - Three Latin cabinet official who looks after Parliament to avoid a debate on a national symbol that could

antagonize Quebeckers. Officials of the heritage ministry of insisted that there had been no attempt at a cover-up. Queen Elizabeth II, at Canada's The arms, which have been request, approved the change 18 untouched since they were months ago. And Alain Garceau, adopted by proclamation of an aide to Mr. Dupuy, said: "It is King George V in 1921, are the prerogative of the Queen to change the royal symbol, and therefore there was no need to consult the Parliament.

By Clyde H. Farnsworth ment buildings, were introduced Columbia and Deborah Grey of Canadian symbols, with a picthe ture and one sentence.

> The change was announced as the cabinet was pushing through a resolution to placate Quebec after the defeat of the independence referendum. The resolution would recognize Quebec's distinct language, culture and civil law.

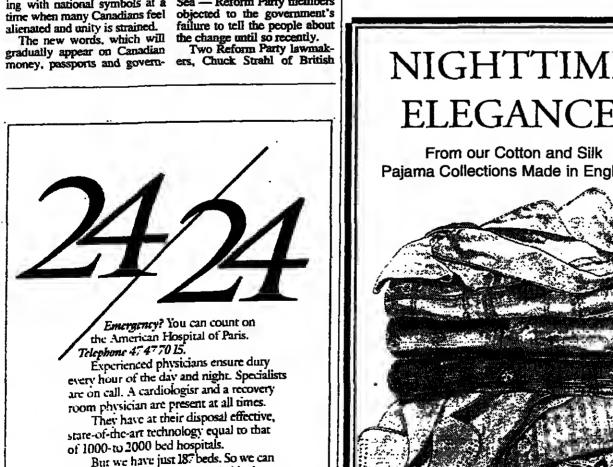
"This is all about nervousness over the constitutional future of the country," said Robert Bothwell, a historian at the University of Toronto.

There is a real uneasiness on the part of many Canadians that House of Commons.

Members of the western-based Reform Party, which of
the Canadian difference.

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The only publicity the govening the actual political heritage of the country may be insufficient for the maintenance of unity.

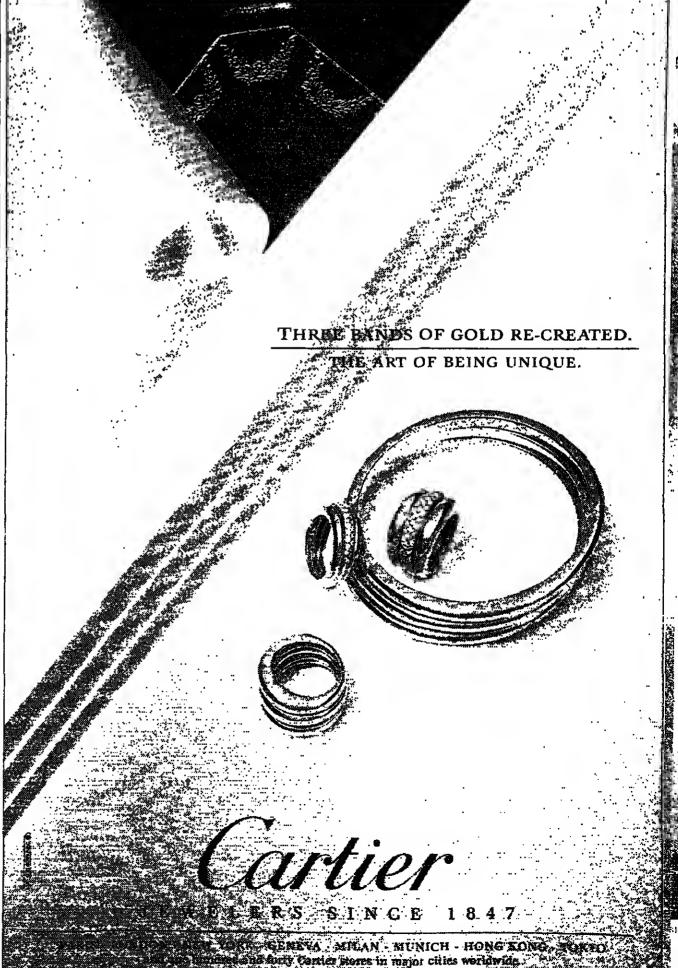


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Opposition Leader Quits Post in Japan

Opening Shot in Campaign

Minister Toshiki Kaifu an- litical parties, New Frontier has nounced Monday that he was opened its election to anyone 18 stepping down as leader of or older who is willing to pay a Japan's main opposition party 1,000 yen (\$10) fee. The winner and supporting another political leader as his successor.

first shot in campaigning for a general election, possibly as early as April, Mr. Kaifu gave his support to the New Frontier off by New Frontier's failure to ro Ozawa, for a Dec. 27 election

Mr. Ózawa, 53, the architect of a political realignment that led ular rating of only 12 percent, nine opposition parties to form New Frontier a year ago, an-nounced his presidential candi-of his Socialist Party, the Libdacy shortly after Mr. Kaifu's

"I intend to implement structural reforms covering Japan's outdated system of politics, bu-from 1989 to 1991, Mr. Ozawa reaucracy, economics and so- and Mr. Hata were once Liberal

In a detailed policy statement, he vowed to cut taxes, scandals. Since then the Liberal create jobs and shorten work days. He also pledged to overhaul the education system, and to build a new capital as a symbol of a 21st century Japan.

Breaking with strict member-TOKYO - Former Prime ship rules practiced by other powill be announced Dec. 28.

Mr. Ozawa's main and pos-In what appeared to be the sibly only challenger will be another former prime minister, Tsutomu Hata. The leadership battle was set

> since it was formed An opinion poll last week showed that the party had a pop-

far behind Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama's coalition eral Democratic Party and the New Party Sakigake of Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura.

Mr. Kaifu, prime minister ciety," Mr. Ozawa told a news conference.

Democrats. They split from the party two years are when it was hit by a series of corruption Democrats, under Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's tough-talking trade minister, has clawed its way back to the top of opin-



Party's secretary-general, Ichiamract voter support in the year A Beijing resident reading notices of death sentences at Beijing No. 1 Intermediate Court 11. Check mark indicates sentence has been carried out.

Open Court Session Planned for China Dissident

BEIJING — The trial of Wei Jing-sheng, a leading dissident, has begun, and the court will hold an open session on Wednesday when he can defend himself against a sedition charge, which can be punishable by death.

In an unusual move, the Beijing Intermediate People's Court said Monday that Mr. Wei's defense session could be

A court spokesman, Chen Xiong, reached by telephone, said it would also be open to the public, meaning that close kin and a few court-selected citizens would be allowed in.

The defendant has retained a Beijing deemed a "counterrevolutionary rebellawyer, Zhang Sizhi, a relative of Mr. lion."

Wei's said. The court turned down requests by two former U.S. attorneys general, Dick Thornburgh and Nicholes Katzenbach, to help in Mr. Wei's de-

The trial technically opened Dec. 1, when prosecutors lodged the charge of "conspiring to overthrow the government," which can carry the death penal-

The same charge was used to imprison many dissidents arrested when 1989 Tiananmen Square protests,

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Widely viewed as a founder of China's democracy movement, Mr. Wei, 46, was first jailed in the late 1970s in the Democracy Wall era after proposing that Deng Xisoping's Four Modernizations drive needed a fifth component -

multiparty democracy. He was paroled in late 1993 but vanished into legal limbo on April 1, 1994, after meeting a senior U.S. human-rights official in Beijing. Months later China acknowledged holding Mr. Wei, the Communist government crushed the but only disclosed his formal arrest three

His relatives have denounced his prosecution, saying that Mr. Wei did nothing but exercise his constitutional

said unspecified actions by Mr. Wei violated criminal law and constituted crimes — language suggesting a con-viction is inevitable. Acquittals are extremely rare in China.

was now in an investigative phase and not open to his family or the public, a procedure he called consistent with in-

right to speak his mind and that he did not pose a threat to the state. The official Xinhua press agency has

The court spokesman said the trial

Seoul Chief To Speak on Chun and Roh Arrest:

SEOUL - President Kim Young Sam will make his first public comment on Tuesday over the arrest of his two predecessors, Roh Tae Woo and Chun Doo Hwan, a presidential aide said Monday.

The aide said Mr. Kim's statement would be made through his spokesman, Yoon Yeo Joon, on Tuesday morning to mark the 16th anniversary of a military coup led by Mr.

Mr. Chun was detained Dec. 3 on charges of military rebellion stemming from the coup. He is expected to be indicted later this month on charges of military mutiny and of bribery during his 1980-88 term in office.

Mr. Chun's successor, Mr. Roh, in detention since his arrest Nov. 16, has been indicted on charges of accepting \$369 mil-lion in bribes from wealthy businessmen during his 1988-93 tenure. He faces mal Dec. 18.

Local news reports, meanwhile, said prosecutors would visit the home of former President Choi Kyu Hah, who has refused to comply with a formal request to testify about the putsch and massacre of civilians at Kwangju in May 1980. Mr. Choi was caretaker president after the assassination of

Park Chung Hee in 1979.
Separately, prosecutors investigating kickbacks to Mr.
Roh questioned the Seoul head of a U.S. company, Lockbeed Martin, over a decision to buy

120 F-16 fighter jets in 1991. It was unclear what Mr. Kim would say about the arrest of Mr. Chun and Mr. Roh, although opposition politicians have renewed calls for Mr. Kim to reveal how much he spent

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winning office in 1992. A leading opposition figure, Kim Dae Jung, who has ad-mitted accepting \$2.6 million from Mr. Roh to finance his posuccessful run for president in 1992, has accused the president of accepting millions. President Kim demes taking "a single cent."

opeo to Western reporters. ty on conviction.

China Sees U.S. 'Containment' BELING - An official Chinese magazine Monday

accused the United States of seeking to stifle the growth of China and Russia. "The United States seeks more cooperation than containment with the European Union and Japan, but it seeks more containment than cooperation with China

and Russia," the weekly Outlook said, Containment was a Cold War strategy to prevent the spread of communism from the Soviet bloc.

The article said it was "inevitable" that the United States would try to cootain other countries' development to retain its status as the world's only superpower.

U.S. officials have said Washington is seeking to engage, not contain, China, although senior officials have warned that such action might be necessary one day. But Outlook, an official Xinhua news agency publication seen as a reliable window on Communist Party and state policy, said that an ulterior strategy of containment was already under way.

'False Rumors' Irk Pyongyang

TOKYO- North Korea on Monday accused the United States of spreading a "false rumor" that Pyongyang posed a threat to South Korea and Japan.

A North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman warned that a "military confrontation" could develop if the United States cootinued what Pyongyang sees as a policy of hostility.

The comments were carried by the official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo.

The military spokesman said the United States was assailing North Korea to divert attention from the South Korean slush fund scandal and American embarrassment stemming from the trial of three U.S. servicemen for the rape of a girl on Okinawa.

Confusion Over Hostages' Fate

SRINAGAR, India - A statement believed to be from the Muslim separatist group holding four West-

erners captive said India had seized three of the hostages and a fourth was missing, an assertion denied by Indian officials Monday.

A handwritten statement similar to ones delivered earlier by the Kashmiri separatist group, Al Faran, and given to a newspaper in Srinagar said the army had seized the Westerners after an confrontation on Dec. 4 in which five guerrillas were killed.

The statement followed a suggestion on Saturday by the Indian Army, based on interrogation of three guer rillas arrested in the clash, that the hostages may have been abandoned or handed over to other guerrillas. Indian officials later contradicted the army statement

and said Al Faran still held the hostages, who were (Reuters) captured io July.

Cuban Leader to Visit Japan

The Cuban president will make a one-night stop in

Tokyo on his way home from visits to China and

The Foreign Ministry said it was discussing with Cuban officials whether Mr. Castro will meet with any Japanese leaders. It released no other details.

VOICES From Asia

Raisuke Miyawaki, a former Japanese national police official: "Getting rid of bad loans by tinkering with accounting methods, glossing over balance sheets, so to speak, could lead to financial domination by the or-ganized crime gangs, to a Mafia-controlled econo-

Donald Tsang, Hong Kong's financial secretary, warning China not to interfere in the economy of the TOKYO — Fidel Castro will pay his first visit to
Japan on Tuesday, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said.

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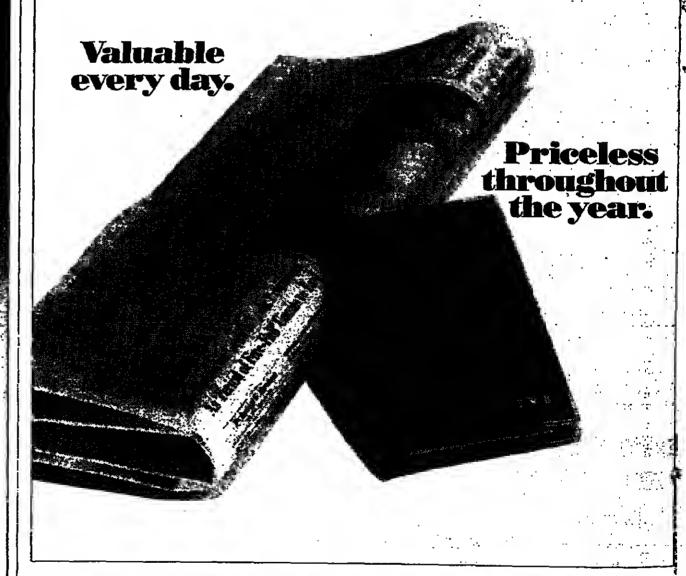
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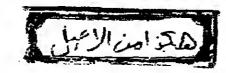
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Speak EU's Internal Disputes Stall Membership Drive in East

By Tom Buerkle nional Herold Tribune

BRUSSELS — Eastern Enrope's drive to enter the European Union is facing a serious delay because of increasingly divisive internal EU debates over monetary union, budgetary resources and reform of Union institutions, officials said Monday.

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cal.

The result is that no more than two or three Eastern countries are likely to gain entry to the Union around the year 2000, which has been their target, officials said.

Most Eastern countries are likely to be waiting on the EU doorstep for years to come, they added, and even the first members will have to wait another decade after entry before sharing the Union's farm and development subsidies.

The waiting game has gen-10 countries of Central and Eastern Europe as their leaders prepare to meet with EU heads of government at the end of the Union's summit meeting in Madrid on Saturday.

. 'We regret the climate of reserve and delay," said Jan Kulakowski, Poland's ambassador to the Union.

The East's fears were driven home two weeks ago when Neil Kinnock, the EU transport commissioner, criticized the Union for "continually holding out the prospect of enlargement while not doing enough to make it really feasible."

Although Mr. Kinnock was rebuked for his candid assessment, many EU officials share his concern that the bloc has failed to show how it will make enlargement work and who will

Enlargement also appears to be fading as a priority because of EU divisions over an intergovernmental reform conference starting in March. The conference's chief goal is to make the bloc capable of accepting new members; but a reflection group of national appointees last week reported little consensus on the necessary changes, like majority voting.

Europe is facing the most-

van den Broek, the EU com- He also gave his clearest inmissioner for external affairs. Europe needs to resolve the internal divisions that prevented its 15 members from responding to the Bosnian conflict because "these shortcomings will show even more clearly when we are 25 or 30," he said.

The political struggle this fall over the terms of monetary union also illustrate that the Union remains too preoccupied with carrying out past commitments to embark on bold new ones, officials said.

For all these reasons, officials predicted that EU leaders wonld not make any new commitments to the East at the summit meeting in Madrid even though Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister who will chair the meeting, urged his colleagues last month to open erated growing concern in the membership talks six months after the conclusion of the Union's intergovernmental

> Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, the leading advocate ther than we feel is necessary," of EU enlargement, ruled out he said.

complex series of challenges setting a date in a speech to the since its inception," said Hans German Parliament last week. dication yet that the first group of new members would be limited, by referring only to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

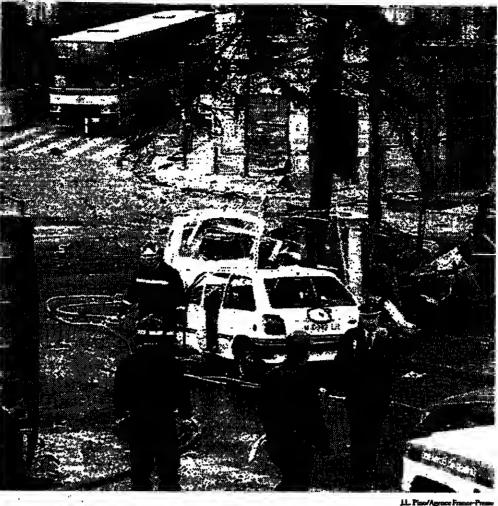
EU officials have been working to shift the onus for starting membership negotiations onto the Eastern countries them-

Jacques Santer, president of the European Commission, said the agency must give an assessment of the state of economic and political reforms in each Eastern country before recommending when negotiations should start. "This shall not be a purely formal exercise," Mr. Santer said.

commission would give its opinion within a few months of the end of the intergovernmental conference, and be predicted that negotiations would start soon after that for countries with a passing grade.

Mr. van den Broek said the

"We will not drag it out fur-



Police and fire fighters inspecting the site where the bomb exploded Monday in Madrid.

Car Bomb Kills 5 In Madrid, 4 Days **Before EU Summit**

MADRID - A car bomb and Saturday in Madrid. blamed by officials on Basque European Union leaders are to tries. gather in the Spanish capital.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the blast, which occurred minutes before 3 P.M. as a military truck drove past in a densely populated working-class southeastem neighborhood.

Some victims were civilians and others were military personnel, police said. Three of the wounded, including a child, were in critical condition.

The mayor of Madrid, José Maria Alvárez del Manzano, said the car bomb appeared to be the work of rebels of the Basque Homeland and Freedom Party,

The explosion was bound to security concerns EU summit scheduled Friday

Spain, the current holder of separatists ripped through a the bloc's rotating six-month busy Madrid district Monday, presidency, will play host to killing five people and wounding a dozen four days before leaders from the 15 EU counting a dozen from the 15 EU counting a dozen four days before leaders from the 15 EU counting a dozen from the 15 EU counting a dozen four days before leaders from the 15 EU counting a dozen from the 15 EU c

> The blast tore shutters off windows in nearby houses, witnesses said.

> Victims' bodies lay on the pavement among the charred remains of cars. Plainclothes police picked through the de-

> bris, looking for clues.
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> Broken glass from an outpatients clinic and other buildings littered the streets in a 100meter radius. The police cordoned off the area, and officers with sniffer dogs checked other cars, looking for more explo-

The attack was the most serious since April, when Basque ETA separatists tried to kill the leader of the main opposition center-right Popular Party, José

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EU to Delay Action

ANKARA - The pro-Islamic Welfare Party, expected by many to emerge as Turkey's largest party in the general election on Dec. 24, urged the European Parliament on Monday not to ratify Ankara's planned customs union with the European Union.

"The European Parliament should will be further letter-bombs, and in this delay a move on the customs union until a true political power appears in Robert Sturm, chief of the bombs unit Turkey in line with the people's choice in the elections," said Abdullah Gul, the Welfare Party's deputy chairman Monday morning.

supporter of a customs union with the Ukraine Elections European Union, had no power to represent the Turkish people only two weeks before the elections.

Turkish Party Urges Post Office Bombed In Southern Austria

VIENNA --- A letter-bomb exploded in a post office in Graz, southern Austria on Monday in what security officials warned could be the start of a fifth wave of racist attacks in a violent

two-year-old campaign. "Of course, we have to assume there context we are issuing a warning," said

on foreign affairs. He said the government of Prime Low Turnout Marks Minister Tansu Ciller, the staunchest

KIEV - Only seven candidates mustered enough votes to gain entry

head of the Electoral Committee said Monday.

Ivan Yemetz said that there was widespread voter apathy and that the turnout was less than the required 50 percent in 27 of 45 districts where balloting took place Sunday.

In the remaining 18 districts, only seven candidates got the required 50 percent majority needed to win a parmentary seat.

Runoff elections will be held in two weeks between the two top vote-getters for Tuesday: in the remaining 11 districts with adequate turnout, Mr. Yemetz said. An election date for the other districts was No one was wounded in the blast on not announced.

Refugee Housing Burns in Germany

HAFFKRUG, Germany - Five people were missing and believed dead, "This is not hostility to Europe, just into Parliament in runoff elections to burned through a center for refugee: an economic choice," he said. (AFP) fill 45 empty seats in the legislature, the former Yugoslavia, the police said. burned through a center for refugees of mittee.

Fire crews were still working Monday to extinguish the blaze in this farnorth German city near Kiel. The cause was being investigated. (Reuters)

Calendar

European Union events scheduled

STRASBOURG: Former Italian Prime Minister Carlo Ciampi presents his report on European competitive-

MADRID: Economic and social affairs committees of EU member states meet with representatives of countries of the Mediterranean region. FRANKFURT: EU Commissioner

for Economic and Monetary Union Yves-Thibault de Silguy will address and at least four were injured, after a fire the European Monetary Union com-

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Belarus Voters Reject a Too-Bossy Boss

By James Rupert

MINSK, Belarus -- The voters of Belarus have handed their authoritarian president a political defeat in his campaign to dissolve the legislature and in the legislature and political metals.

voters to boycott elections Sanday that sought to provide the
Belarus legislature with the
quorum it has lacked for the last
control of the state-owned me six months. He had vowed to scrap the legislature and rule by independent newspapers. decree if the voters' turnout was less than the 50 percent required by law to make any election here valid.

Mr. Lukashenko restricted campaigning and voter information in an effort to help suppress the turnout, but election officials said that more than 52 percent of Belarussians had voted on Sunday, electing more than enough new lawmakers to give the legislature a quorum.

Amid widespread apathy and Mr. Lukashenko's restrictions on campaigning, the election on Sunday was almost hidden. Television and radio ignored it most of the day. The only hints

were a steady trickle of people ing in November elected 20 switched those channels off the arriving at polling places.

Among the European former Soviet republics, many presi-

here.

President

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Mr. Lukashenko in his drive for

Lukashenko had encouraged power. He has defied rulings of dia and halted the printing of

> still called the Supreme Soviet, to disband voluntarily. It refused. He permitted legislative elections in May, but scomed. the candidates as incompetent, barred campaigning on television and told yoters to boycott

have combined with broad public frustration with politics to hamper the election of a new Supreme Soviet.

filled in May, leaving the

In the first round of the spe-

Last spring, Mr. Lukashenko lions of people's money for asked the legislature, which is some stupid elections ignored

His efforts to suppress voting

Of 260 seats, only 119 were

elected 59 more, officials said Monday, giving the Supreme Soviet 198 members.

cial elections, Nov. 29, Mr. Lukashenko showed up at his polling place and proclaimed all the candidates incompetent. These people must not be

allowed to direct state affairs, and I have no right to ask people. to vote for them." he said. This is the last parliamentary vote in this country for the next five years," he said. "I'm not going to waste any more bil-lious of people's money for

by the people."
Mostly, Mr. Lukashenko has sought to suffic information about the elections. He barred candidates from spending more than the equivalent of \$50 on their campaigns, a sum that has helped limit electioneering to a few posters and handbills. State television and radio have virmally ignored the elections.

Last week, after the Supreme Soviet's speaker, Mechislau Hrib, got Russian television channels to prepare election Supreme Soviet far short of its programs that would be seen in quorum of 174 members. Vot- Belarus, authorities here

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new deputies and Sunday's poll air for what they said were repairs to a transmitter. At the same time, Belarussian state television announced the screening of six movies — an unheard-of entertainment bonanza here - during voting

Still, Mr. Lukashenko has not moved to halt the elections outright. At times, he has denied wanting to hinder the Supreme Soviet. Mr. Lukashenko's efforts to

promote voter absenteeism have been helped by the state of Belarussian politics. Belarus lacks the strong ethnic identity. anti-Russian constituency and independence movement that have built political parties in neighboring Baltic states and Politics remains more Soviet

in style than in the rest of the European ex-Soviet Union. "Two-thirds of our candi-

dates have no concept that they themselves, must motivate people to vote for them," said Mr. Abramovich. "Unlike American candidates, who go out and shake people's hands, they think it's enough to put a few fliers in mailboxes and hold a few meetings."

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BANGKOK RANKS BIGH ON the business traveler's list of favorite cities, primarily for its leisure activities and excellent dining.

The city began life as a 16th-century customs port for foreign ships traveling up the Chao Phya River to the capital ar Ayutthaya. On Ayuttbaya's destruction by Burmese invaders. Bangkok became the capital in 1782. rapidly growing into a

wealthy metropolis. For more than a century. urban life was centered on the river, with floating houses and shops, and wharves that handled the goods of the world, its sea level elevation precluded the construction of streets, so most travel was along the dozens of canals running on either side of the

In the late 1980s, Thailand experienced explosive growth, putting it among the world's top-three fastest-expanding economies. Bangkok is still renovating for the 21st century, erecting gleaming new office towers and expressways to link them. Despite its vertical expansion, it has retained the beautiful palaces and monasteries that for centuries lent it exotic allure for travelers.

With 8 million of Thailand's 60 million people, Bangkok is the hub of the nation's economic, political and cultural life, It is also a gateway for the exploration of beautiful hills and sbores bound together by broad fields of rice, the foundation stones of the country's pros-

Bangkok is hot and burnid for three months of the year until the monsoon rains (June-November) arrive to cool it. Travelers prefer to visit during its approximation of winter (December-February), when daytime temperatures drop to a mild 25 degrees Centigrade.

A Getting Around

With Bangkok's heat and chaotic traffic, public transport is problematic. Taxis are air-conditioned, metered an plentiful but are not radio-dispatched: you must stand at the curb and flag one down. Taxi drivers have difficulty with English, making a hotel limousine preferable even though more expensive - you can communicate with the driver, and the plush appointments take the edge off waiting out traffic jams.

Allow plenty of time to reach your destination or choose a restaurant near your hotel. For late night fun, take a nuk-tuk, an open, motorized trishaw. The drivers are barely familiar with English or with the layout of Bangkok. so get someone to help you communicate. "Thonon" means "street": "Soi" means "lane." There is no tipping.

At a Glance

With no street grid, and no major landmarks other than the river and the Grand Palace. Bangkok can easily confound a visitor. To best experience the city, plunge into a side lane, a quiet monastery courtyard, the old royal city or a market to explore its culture. City center Lumpini Park is always interesting for a jog, a rest or a stroll. A riverside hotel terrace offers intriguing panora-mas of the city's vibrant river

Air-conditioned malls save walking by concentrating large numbers of shops and restaurants in a single site. Among the better ones are River City (antiques), World Trade Center (up-market the diner sample many fla-

goods), Siam Center (trendy clothes) and Oriental Plaza (quality Thai products). The Sathorn-Silom Road area is the city's business district and is home to Patpong, the nightlife center.

S→ In a Word

English is not widely spoken, and learning Thai in a day is beyond most visitors' abilities - a Thai phrase book is generally unhelpful because few visitors can wrap their tongues around Thai's tonal inflections. Hotel staff are generally fluent in English, but once outside the hotel, you are on your own. Ask the hotel receptionist to write the name and location of your destination in Thai and show it to a taxi driver. Many restaurant business cards have Thai-language directions printed on them.

Wining & Dining

Bangkok offers a buge range of dining options. As gastronomes around the world have discovered, Thai food is delicious. In Thailand, you can find an enormous variety of tastes you may never have suspected existed when dining at a Thai restaurant at borne. Most ingredients are fresh from the farm and sea and, despite their succulence, most meals are inexpensive. Bangkok also offers the cuisines of the world. Buffets



abound, but breakfast spots are in short supply; visitors find hotel breakfasts more than satisfying.

As appealing as the food is the ambience of the restaurants. It is possible to dine in a garden, along a river or in an old Thai home. Hotels offer some of the city's best diring. Or try street food in an openfront restaurant, a market or from a vendor's cart. Thais are conscientious about hygiene and the rare tummy troubles are generally caused. not by bacilli. but by overindulgence in exotic flavors, heaping plates of seafood being the usual cul-prit. Thais also love to snack, and some sweets, generally with a coconut cream base.

are too tempting to resist. Wine, beer and mixed drinks are served in most establishments.

Major restaurants assess a 15 per ceot service charge: there is none in neighborhood restaurants. Numerous cooking schools let the visitor sample a wide array of Thai dishes and learn how to prepare them at bome.

Baan Chiang. 14 Soi Sriveng, Surasak Road. Tel.: 236-7045. A restaurant in an old wooden house that offers delicious Central Thailand dishes. Walkable from many

Bali. 15/3 Soi Ruam Rudi. Pioenchit Road. Tel.: 250-0711. Indonesian dishes (including Reistafel, which lets

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vors) in an old house in a quiet neighborhood.

Bobby's Arms, 2nd floor, Car Park Bldg., Soi 2, Pat-pong. Tel.: 233-6828. British pub food and atmosphere. Live Dixieland jazz on Sun-

day evenings. Bourbon Street, 29/4-6 Washington Square, Suk-humvit Soi 22. Tel.: 259-0328. Cajun Creole dishes in a relaxed setting.

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Lemon Grass, 5/1 Soi 24, Sukhumvit Road, Tel.: 258-8637. Another old home, but the Thai dishes are quiet different. Relaxed dining. L'Opera, 53 Soi 39, Sukhumvit Road. Tel.: 258-

5606. Northern Italian dishes prepared by a master chef and served in an indoor garden. Paesano, 96/7 Soi Tonson. Plocnchit Road, Tel: 252-2834. Italian dining at its

Scala Shark Fins. 218-218/1 Siam Square, Soi 1. Tel.: 252-0322 or 254-1699. Shark fins are a Chinese delicacy, and some of the best shark fin soup in Asia can be found here.

Silom Village: 286 Silom Road, Tel.: 235-8760. Thai food in a village setting with a wide variety of regional dishes and Thai music

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Tumnak Thai, 131 Rachadapisek Road, Huay Kwang. Tel.: 274-6420. According to Guinness, the world's largest outdoor restaurant. The food is Thai. and the waiters are on roller skates. Vendors in boats sell tidbits at tableside.

Whole Earth, 93/3 Soi Langsuan, Ploenchit Road. Tel.: 252-5574. (Also 71 Sukhumvit Soi 26. Tel.: 258-4900.). Good Thai dishes prepared for vegetarians. Also caters to carnivores.

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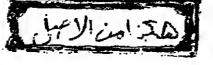


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Soldiers by Day, White Supremacists by Night

By Serge F. Kovaleski Washington Post Service

- By day, the two soldiers were standard U.S. Army fatigues bearing what is known as the "All American" patch of the elite 82d Airborne Division of Fort draped on the wall of Bragg, North Carolina.

By night, they donned the black boots and white laces, red suspenders, flight jackets and chains that make up an unofficial uniform signifying white power and became part of a subterranean cultime of white supremacist skinheads. They hung out at private underground nightclubs.

Such were the lives of the U.S. Army privates, James Norman Burmeister 2d. 20, and Malcolm Wright, 21, the two main suspects in the racially motivated shooting of a black man and woman last week that has shocked this army town. ample, while investigating a far-right Police officers described the men as

unremorseful, even smug.
A third suspect and soldier, Randy Lee Meadows Jr., 21, who is considered Lee Meadows Jr., 21, who is considered to be less strident in his views than his two companions; has been charged with driving the car that the killers used. He is

were drinking at a popular local strip

The discovery of a large Nazi flag draped on the wall of a room rented by Private Burmeister in a mobile home near the base, as well as a gallery of white supremacist literature and pemphlets about Hitler and the Third Reich, has prompted the 82d Airborne to begin an investigation into whether extremist organizations exist in its ranks, military officials said. Participation by soldiers in such groups is prohibited and punishable by expulsion.

supremacist activity at Fort Bragg. The Southern Poverty Law Center, for exgroup in North Carolina in the late 1980s, discovered that several soldiers poused the suspects' supremacist views. ple on foot. The mixing of races is dead wrong, Private E from Fort Bragg had been recruited into

cooperating with investigators, sources Bob Smynter, owner of the Purgatory which is known as a popular venue for said. Popping that black FAYETTEVILLE. North Carolina ing up to the slaying, the three soldiers supremacists here. "This is not a normal flag is not."

> supremacist organization or movement, but that at least Private Burmeister and Private Wright appeared to be deeply embedded in the informal network of active at the base.

circuit of private clubs where extremists drink and listen to music. Private ie Burden, 27, were fatally shot as they Human-rights groups said that there at Purgatory, were often seen in skinhead neighborhood near downtown early had long been widespread white garb. Acquaintances said Private Thursday morning. garb. Acquaintances said Private Thursday morning. Burmeister sometimes were a swastika auch on his black homber jacket.

But while condemning the murders, ently picked Mr. James and Miss Burpatch on his black bomber jacket.

Law enforcement sources said Pri-Law enforcement authorities said that vate Burmeister rented his room in a the suspects in the slayings last week mobile home from a couple who dewere not affiliated with a larger white scribed themselves publicly as white

They were away on a trip when Private Burmeister and Private Wright were arrested at the home last Thursday. skinheads and other extremists that is Authorities found a handgur in the mobile home that they believe was the Most of their activity revolves around a weapon used in the slayings. Michael James, 36, and a friend, Jack-

Burmeister and Private Wright, regulars strolled down an unlighted street in their

some Fort Bragg soldiers said they es- den at random and approached the cou-Private Burmeister allegedly fired



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By Howard Stern. 482 pages. \$27.50. Regan Books. Reviewed by Richard Bernstein

GIVEN that Howard Stem's new book has had the best ... carly sale of just about any book in history, reading it ought, almost by definition, to put you in touch with the pop-cult Zeitgeist. It is always interesting to know what turns people on. Reading "Miss America" might also put you through sevcral stages of reactions that cover the spectrum from pleasure to revulsion

The first thing experienced in the radio talk-show host's writing is a mild titillation, then amusement accompanied by the sound of taboos being smashed, pretensions ripped apart. Here and there, if you can take what the movie ratings people call coarse language, you will laugh out loud at Stem's antic audacity, though the laughter may be guilty because the humor is cruel. By the politesse, especially by making driven not just to win but utterly middle of the book, a sporadic you burst out in densive laughter tedium sets in as you see that at the expense of other people, Stem reuses verbal gimmicks, some of whom (but not all of

quite literally, ad nauseum. whom) may even deserve it. The modulation in this book comes in its very creative tabloid graphics, its arrangements of photographs and different-size typefaces. Stem maintains self. "I'm such a superficial throughout an unvarying tone of piece of garbage," he admits, profane astonishment at the daring you to take this accurate hypocrisy, greed and stupidity that surround him, and that tone entire career has consisted of toieventually becomes monotonous. Finally there is a kind of shock, a revulsion at the aggressiveness of Stem's display of

spitefulness and triumphalism.

Howard Stern must have been a quick, mean kid, the kind who sniggered a lot at the discomfort of others. The evidence of "Miss America" is that he remains a quick, mean kid, or at least that he understands how his personal fortune is dependent on maintold that the Austrian emperor, upon being snubbed by which is naterly to defy convention and the normal rules of

But Stern, at least in the early stages of "Miss America," disarms you by directing some of his sharpest barbs against himself-description seriously. "My let-bowl radio stations at the bottom of the barrel that have come to me when their ratings have disappeared and they needed a nuclear bomb in mornings to jumpstart their pathetic opera-

(most of what Stern writes is laced with obscenities) are important elements in his enormous underground celebrity. Stern's most bankable qualities taining that image. The story is are his honesty and his regularguy standing. The stage of titillation in reading "Miss Amer-Beethoven, said that there had to ica" comes as he describes his Beethoven, but there is no deny- strongest revulsion comes in his ing his brilliance at what he does: account of how, in winning the ratings wars against a competi-tor in Philadelphia, Stern was funny and cathartic. Stern is funny and cathartic. to destroy his competitor, to

 Jeff Rosenberg, senior producer at National Public Radio, is reading: "Van Gogh's Room at Arles," by Stanley

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through their minds or all the things that they do as they deal quotidian eroticism. "Miss America" in this sense reads like excerpts from the fantasies of sex and aggression that might be published in a psychiatric association textbook. As long as there are only be such people. Stem is no own ravenous sexuality. The a very few people who trade in that currency, and as long as those few do it well, it can he

> For the most part, Stern merely writes about himself. He humiliate him and ruin his life. knows that he has a throng of Most people do not give vent worshipful listeners of his syn- staff of The New York Times. c5!? The point was that after 27 Rcd1 Nc6 28 Rd7 Qe8

Statements like that one to all of the thoughts that run dicated morning radio show, and he is unabashed in his assumption that they want the program in easy-to-digest book form. Stem in short has become a

kind of deity, the mention of whose name brings glory to his acolytes. This is a new twist in the celebrity culture. Other people achieve godlike status be-cause of their association with beauty, wealth or power. Stern has achieved his because be raucously legitimizes the dark side, the anarchic impulse, the savage beast in us all.

Richard Bernstein is on the

By Robert Byrne

LADIMIR Kramnik beat Rafael Vaganian in the Credit Suisse Masters International Tournament.

Against the Queen's Indian Defense, Kramnik considered it so important to prevent a possible pin, as could arise after 4 Nc3 Bb4, that he paused for the prophylactic 4 a3.

Vaganian's 5...Ne4 followed a standard plan to make Black's defense easier by exchanging a set of minor pieces.

Vaganian did not want to further his opponent's develop-ment with 8...Bd3 9 Qd3, but his alternative, 8...d5, let Kramnik weaken his pawn structure with 9 Be4 de.

On Vaganian's 11...Bd6, which resisted the white attack on the center with 11 f3, Kramnik avoided any unpleasanmess arising from 12 fe?! Qh4 by shifting his attack to the queenside with 12 Qa4!?

Kramnik to end his center at-O. Kramnik offered a nice speculative pawn sacrifice with 15

15...bc 16 No4 Oe7 17 dc Bc5 18 b4 Bd6 19 Bb2! Bc7 20 Rfd1, he had strong positional pressure and Vaganian was having trouble getting his knight out

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Kramnik could have retrieved his pawn with 24 Nb6 ab 25 Qb6, but Black could still

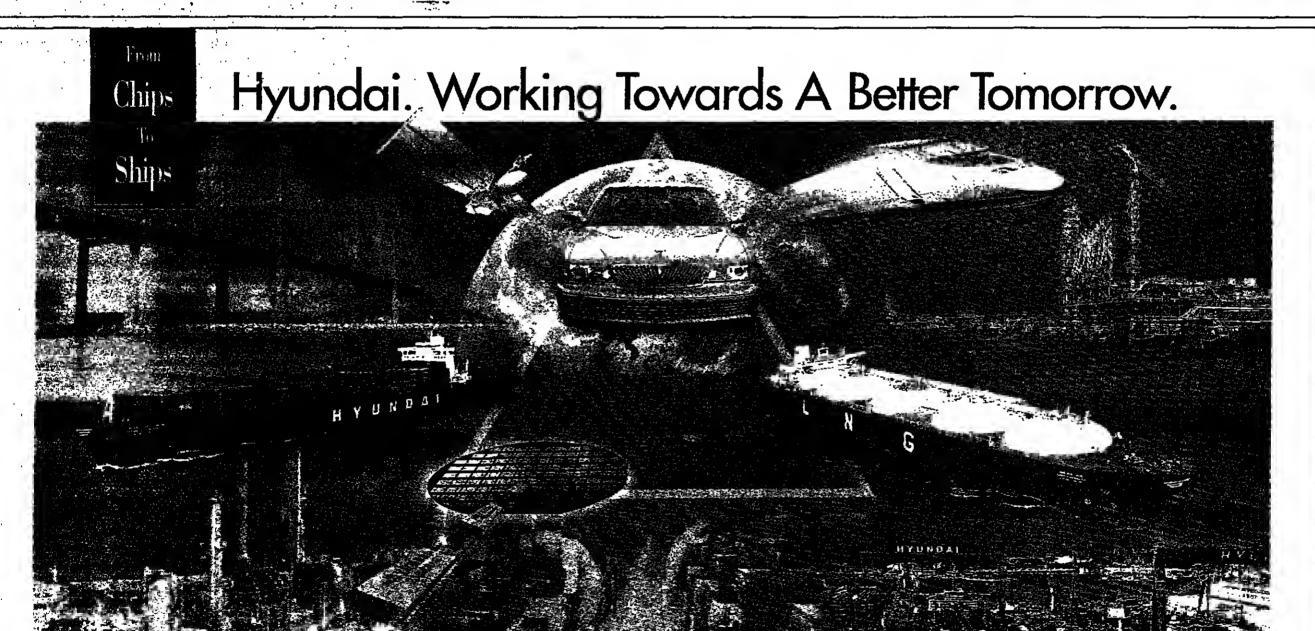
fight with 25...Ra7. Instead, he Vaganian's 13...Qh4 forced kept up the pressure with 24 ramnik to end his center at- a41, and after 24...Bc5 he got rid tack with 14 f4, but after 14...O- of the most active black piece with 25 Bd4 Bd4 26 Rd4. Had Vaganian tried 26...Rc8, then

(28...Ob4 29.Nd6! Ob5 30 ab Nb8 31 Nc8 Nd7 32 Ne7 wins a piece) 29 Qb7 Rab8 30 Rg7 Kf8 31 Qd7 Rd8 32 Qe8 Ke8 33 Nd6 Kf8 34 Rh7 puts White a pawn ahead with the seventh

After 27...Ra7, Kramnik bored in with 28 Nd6!, and after 28...Rd7 29 Rc8! Rc8 30 Nc8 Oa3, he smashed through with 31 Qe6! Kf8 32 Qf5 Ke8 33 Qe6 Kd8 34 Qb6! Qe6 Kd8 34 Qb6! Ke8(34...Kc8 35 Rc4 Nc6 36 Rc6 leads to mate) 35 Nd6, and Vaganian gave up. On 35...Ke7, there could have followed 36 Re4 Kf6 37 Qd4 Kg6

Qg5 mate.

38 Re6 Kh5 39 Qe5 Kh4 40



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Children Caught in Crossfire, UN Says

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York - Crippled by land mines, struck down by epidemcamps or caught in sniper fire. children have become major victims of a new era of small ethnic wars and violent skirmishes, according to a report

were more devastating to civilians than to soldiers.

Additionally, 4 million to 5 abled, 12 million are homeless phaned or unable to locate their

Psychological trauma has also taken a high toll, with per-haps 10 million children affected, the report says. Its figures

other UN agencies and private try to break down ethnic hosrelief groups and governments. tility among the very young. The report, which takes an

ic diseases, lost in refugee area of concern, proposes an 'anti-war agenda.

day by Carol Bellamy, executive ing in Bosnia-Herzegovina. director of Unicef and former director of the Peace Corps. issued by Unicef.

The report, "State of the World's Children 1996," says

In her introduction, Ms. Bellamy wrote that the report, which also covers other areas of child

The report was released Mon-

that in the last decade, 2 million welfare, begins with children in children were killed in wars that war "because their contemporary predicamem is both overwhelming and inescapable.

Unicef, founded in 1946 as and more than t million or- ti-war proposals in its report. Now formally known as the

UN Children's Fund, it calls for more attention to the underlying causes of violence, including poverty. It also advocates courses in conflict resolution in schools, and uses the example of new programs in Sri Lanka that crimes against children.

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> Unicef recommends that the minimum age for recruitment of soldiers be raised to 18 from 15. as now specified in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has been signed by more than 160 nations pledging protections for children.

"child impact statement" bemillion children have been dis- the UN International Children's fore international economic health, childhood mortality, life Emergency Fund, makes 10 an- sanctions are imposed on any expectancy and education, esnation. The effects that five pecially of girls.
years of sanctions are having on But Unicef has somber findchildren in Iraq, for instance, have been a concern at Unicef and other UN agencies.

Unicef also proposes that land mines be outlawed, and that nations be on the lookout for war

Children should be made "zones of peace," the report The report draws attention to advises, allowing food and an increasingly common occur- Salvador, Lebanoo and Sudan, the report contends.

And when a war subsides, the agency continues, a greater effort should be made to demobilize and rehabilitate all combatants, with special emphasis on the psychological and social damage done to young people.

The report also surveys general developments in the lives The report also calls for a of children around the world, listing some large gains in

> ings for Africa, where the progress of children "has been slower and more uneven than in other regions." In Africa, the risk of dying before the age of 5 is higher than anywhere else.



Bosnian girls trying to get a look at U.S. Marines on Monday after the soldiers arrived at their Sarajevo barracks.

Bosnia Crimes Suspect Freed **Tribunal Says Serbia Failed to Supply Data**

By Stephen Engelberg
New York Times Service

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WASHINGTON - A soldier suspected of murdering Bosnian Serbs has been ordered released by an international war crimes tribunal because Serbia failed to respond to repeated Tribunal for the Former Yurequests for evidence that would support an indictment, a

The soldier fought with the Bosman Croat militia, and in-

suspect that key witnesses to agreed to "cooperate fully atrocities he may have committed now live in Serbia.

But although the case in-volves the killing of Bosnian Serbs, officials in Serbia did not reply to requests for assistance from the International Criminal goslavia by a deadline of last Friday, according to the person close to the tribunal.

Under the peace accord schednled to be signed on Thursday in Paris by Serbia, vestigators from the tribunal Croatia and Bosnia, all parties

with the tribunal's inquiries. view that could result in reimposition of United Nations sanctions on Serbia.

Christian Chartier, a spokesman for the tribunal, said in an interview last week that without Serbia's help, prosecutors would be unable to bring immediate indictment against the suspect, who was arrested two weeks ago by the Dutch police. But he added that the investigation would continue.

Paris Concedes a Little 'Gloire'

PARIS - France conceded defeat Monday . in its battle to have a U.S.-brokered peace pact

for Bosnia renamed for posterity after President
Jacques Chirac's omate presidential palace.
The deat between Bosnia Serbia and Croa
ha is miner commonly known as the Dayton
Accord, after the town in Ohio where a team of U.S. and European negotiators hammered it

powers and of the former Yugoslavia are to mous 18th-century palace for the signature.

meet in the Elysée Palace on Thousday to sign A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Jacques Rummelhardt, said Monday. The accord that

will be signed is called The Peace Agreement on Bosoia Hexzelectrical a was not clearly the the Charles of head been forced by France's partners; whoch the United States and Britain are said to have disagreed with the Prench proposal - or by France then announced it would be called the distinct possibility that crippling public the "Elysée Treaty" - leaders of the major transport strikes rule out the use of the sump-

U.S. Official at UN Denounces Congress's 'Reactionary' Bloc

By Robert Kroon Special to the Herald Tribuna

GENEVA - Reflecting the administration's growng exasperation with the isolationism in Congress, a U.S. official on Mon-day accused "powerful reac-tionary forces" on Capitol Hill of trying to force American withdrawal from the United

The charge was made by Ambassador Daniel L. Spiegel, the U.S. permanent represen-tative to the United Nations European Office in Geneva, as he presented bronze busts of Presdent Franklin D. Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor to the UN secretary-general.

Speaking on Human Rights Day, Mr. Spiegel recalled President Roosevelt's coining of the term "United Nations" during World War II and his wife's work as first president of the UN Human Rights Commission in 1947.

He called it "tragic and iron-

ic" that the survival of the UN amounted to "betrayal of our was now threatened by "po- reputation as a compassionate litical elements in the very country which helped create The forces of American

isolationism, Mr. Spiegel said, "revel in their ignorance of what the UN actually does every day, marginalizing its suc-cesses, distorting its failures for their own political ends and taking the organization to the brink of bankruptcy by slashing UN

Mixing sarcasm and anger he charged that isolationist and reactionary forces were turning America into "the international equivalent of a deadbeat dad, an absent father who won't sup-port his children."

Mr. Spiegel's remarks were approved by the administration, U.S. officials said, and had been cleared with Madeleine K. Albright, the U.S. ambassador to

Referring to opposition in Congress to paying more than \$1 billion in arrears to the UN, Ambassador Spiegel said this

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But, he added, the United Nations shared part of the blame for the situation. In the UN, he said, "Talk had become a substitute for action, with budgets in the billions, large bureaucracies and agencies with some redundancies of

The public, which ultimately supports funding, may be turned off by the UN's "substandard performance" and resistance to reform, Mr. Spiegel added.

On another matter, Mr. Spiegel was asked if he regretted the U.S. withdrawal last week from the UN's Industrial Development Organization in Vi-

enna. "Not at all," he replied. But he discounted persistent rumors in Geneva that Washington will withdraw from UNCTAD, the agency that promotes trade and development in the Third World, or the International Labor Office, "unless the Congress decides on further cuts in our UN assessment."

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Report Criticizes Erosion of Rights In Russia in 1995

MOSCOW — An official re-port to President Boris N. Yeltsin on Russia's humanrights record in 1995 will reveal widespread and growing abuses and systematic violation of the country's two-year-old consti-tution by his own officials

The report's author, Serg Kovalyov, chairman of Mr. Yeltsin's presidential humanrights committee, told a meet ing of activists that he planned to tell the Russian leader that abuses were now "systematic

crime signed by Mr. Yeltsin last year, which allowed detention of suspects without charge for 30 days. The constitution sets a maximum of 48 hours.



and flagrant" in many areas.

He singled out as unconstr-

Berlusconi in the Manger? For Naples Crèche-Makers, Political Satire Pays

By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

NAPLES — Think about how this would look mingled among the angels, shepherds and wise men of a typical Christmas crèche: a mechanized model of the former leader of Italy's old Communist Party dressed up as an executioner, pounding the severed head of a separatist politician with a hammer.

Or how about a smiling Silvio tree, but that's a German import, like Berlusconi, the Italian television stable currency (something that has magnate and former prime minister. bringing a gift of bribes? Or Antonio Bassolino, the popular mayor of Naples, presented saint-like with an

electric halo around his head?

craftsmen add contemporary satihave gone well beyond the core

Naples is the only place in Italy that has a strong Christmas tradition, outside of just feasting. Some Italians have adopted the Christmas yet to catch on).

In Naples, crèches, called presepe, are displayed in homes and can be hundreds of characters. churches. They celebrate not only the biblical event, but Neapolitan life as well. For centuries, Neapoli-

artistic figurines to populate them. rized figures to the cast of characters Forget about Bethlehem; the buildthat make up Neapolitan crèches, ings, costumes and daily life porwhich in their baroque glory always trayed are Naples, usually of the have gone well beyond the core 17th and 18th centuries. Public crèches were used to communicate to the king the state of the city, showing its commerce, festivals, poverty and crime.

Of course, the Holy Family is generally ensconced somewhere in the creche, maybe in Middle East costume. But just about everything and everyone else are Italian. There The shepherds play an Italian bag-

pipe. Ragged men sell ricotta from pots, old women play a Neapolitan

priest begs alms and a royal bride parades by in a palanquin borne by Moorish servants. Laundry, garlic, pans, peppers and children hang from balconies.

In the old days, it was customary to fashion the faces after real people. "People took pride in having visitors view their crèche and say, "Hey, there's Guido, the butcher," or "Look, there's Antonio, the taiond-generation maker of pastori, the generic name for the figures.

After World War II, contempo-

ner delivers barrels of wine to a ticular A favorite is Antonio de Cur- Armeno Street, which since beyond trattoria, fishermen in typical sock- tiis, whose movie name was Toto. like Neapolitan caps sew nets, a Sophia Loren, also a Neapolitan, ap-

Politicians began to make the scene three years ago with the national campaign against corruption. Known as "Operation Clean Hands," the prosecutions ended ic political dominance and brought a new generation of politicians to the fore. These have provided models lor," said Pasquale Lofredo, a sec- for the new wave of crèche char-

memory has been the home of crèche-makers. At this time of year, it is flooded by Neapolitans as well from far and wide to buy not only right.

from far and wide to buy not only right.

"It keeps coming out looking like "It keeps coming out looking like" as other Italians who have traveled

During the first year of Clean Hands, Mr. Lofredo and other arresent Antonio DiPietro, the lead cakes, or rather, like pizza Margheri-

Naples, home of the most flamboyant manger scenes in Christeadom,
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ant manger scenes in Christeadom,
and characters frolic in the street. A vintwith charges of corruption hanging over his head, sales have slackened. Mr. Lofredo tried to carve a figure to represent the current prime minister, Lamberto Dini, but has yet to get it

Berlusconi," he says mischievous-

four decades of Christian Democrat-tisans fashioned statuettes to rep-with insertion of contemporary figures in the crèche. "It was bad prosecutor and here to many Ital- enough when Romans came down ians. Mr. DiPietro sold like hot and started ordering us to make ruins so that their creches would look like Rome and not Naples," said An-Pasquale Lofredo, in the vanguard Mr. Berlusconi, who won 1994 tonio Capuano. "Now anything of the saturical movement, calls his national elections, became another goes."



U.S. Will Press Syria on Talks **Christopher Trip Set as Clinton Sees Peres**

he was sending Secretary of ready to give in a possible deal State Warren M. Christopher to or agreement." (Reuters, AP) the Middle East to revive the peace talks between Israel and

nouncement after talks at the for a display of unity aimed at white House with the Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres. He was joined by Vice President Al Gore; Mr. Rabin's widow, Leah; Israel's chief rabbi prime minister, Shimon Peres. ing the breach in world Jewry He said he had also talked by that his murder has opened betelephone with President Hafez Assad of Syria.

Mr. Christopher was to leave
Thursday for the Middle East
New York.
"When you have two views. Paris with Mr. Clinton.

Mr. Clinton said he wanted to continue a strong partnership with Israel and promote peace

in the region.

Mr. Peres praised the president for what he called a very moving statement last month in Jerusalem at the funeral of his assassinated Yitzhak Rabin.

In June, Syria suspended talks with Israel in Washington. A key issue was security arrangements on the Golan Heights in the event of an Israeli pullback.

In the nearly six weeks since Mr. Rabin was slain by an op-ponent of his territorial concessions, Mr. Peres bas stressed a determination to continue the policy of swapping land for

promises of peace. Syria has appeared more receptive, but over the weekend demanded a clear statement from Israel that it would surrender all the land Syria lost in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Mr. Peres, a key architect of Mr. Rabin's land-for-peace strategy, apparently is holding back from making a public declaration that he will comply in order to extract maximum se-

curity and diplomatic gains. In Jerusalem, the chief Israeli negotiator, Itamar Rabinovich, said Israel was ready to make significant concessions to the Syrians in exchange for a peace

But Mr. Rabinovich said that the Peres government "won't

dent Bill Clinton said Monday exact manner what Syria is

■ Homage to Rabin

More than 15,000 people hate." tweeo friends and foes of the American Jewish groups. Middle East peace process, The

WASHINGTON — Presi- be ready to give the details be- peoples," Mr. Peres told the fore it understands in a very crowd Sunday. "We're one people. May I suggest that there be unity among those for and against the peace process, but also against murder, violence

and curses. Let us argue, but not eral secular and religious

All lamented how Prime Washington Post reported from Minister Rabin had been murdered while striving to achieve peace between Israel and its you don't have to become two Arab neighbors.

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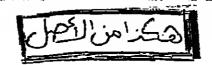
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Friction With China

Friction between China and the United States is likely to rise in the coming year, and the fundamental cause will be neither trade nor arms sales. The cause will be democracy and China's hostility to it as it is developing in Taiwan and Hong Kong. China considers both Taiwan and

Hong Kong to be Chinese, and it wants them back. Britain, which has ruled Hong Kong as a colony for a century and a half. has agreed to return it in July 1997. Over the vehement objections of the Chinese government, Hong Kong held legislative elections in September, and the pro-Bei-jing candidates were soundly defeated. Beijing, in response, is now organizing its own shadow government for Hong Kong, with the apparent intention of pushing the present structure aside. China's rulers seem to assume that, in the United States, the interests of businesses in having access to the Chinese market will outweigh any concerns that Americans might have about the suppression of the rights of Hong Kong's people. That assumption may well prove wrong. It would be a profound reproach to the United States if it did not.

As Taiwan evolves from the harshly authoritarian state of the past into a gennine democracy, reunification with the mainland becomes increasingly implausible. Taiwan elected its legislature earlier this month and is to elect its president, for the first time, in March. One party has, in the past, openly supported a declaration of independence from China, and China has replied with threats of military invasion. Under these circumstances, any explicit act of secession is unlikely. But the Taiwanese will certainly continue to press for the kind of diplomatic gestures that hint at a separate and independent status, and they will certainly continue to enjoy widespread support in the United States.

It was support from both parties in Congress that finally forced the Clinton administration to issue President Lee Teng-hui the visa that allowed him to attend a Cornell University reunion last spring. The visa enraged the Chinese government, but it is hard to believe that there won't be similar incidents ahead or that there shouldn't be.

Many of the people running China believe that the United States is simply maneuvering to hamper the re-emer-gence of China as a great world power and a rival. That is too shallow. The reality is that most Americans believe in democracy as a matter of faith, and that when a foreign government moves to suppress democracy, there is generally an American reaction.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

Keep the Mission Simple

With only days to go before the formal signing of the Bosnian peace agreement. congressional approval for the dispatch of American troops to supervise the peace is needlessly snagged over two issues. Critics of the administration's troop proposal, mainly conservative Republicans, question whether the administration has a reasonable strategy for ending the mission and withdrawing forces. Beyond that, they ask whether Washington should supplement the peacekeeping operation, or even replace it, with a major American effort to arm and train the Bosnian army.

The best way to assure that the peacekeeping mission ends successfully and on time is to keep it simple, as the administration has proposed. The Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, who has hon-orably set aside partisan interest to support the operation, should resist pressure to load up his anthorizing resolution with all sorts of conditions, even if that means relying on Democratic votes for passage.

President Bill Clinton proposes sending 20,000 Americans as part of a sizable NATO fighting force, amply capable of defending itself but with strictly limited objectives. It would oversee the territorial divisions agreed to at Dayton by the leaders of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia, keeping rival forces at bay for 12 months in order to give civilians and political leaders a chance to rebuild Bosnian society and set it on the path of peace.

There is no guarantee or even assumption that Bosnia can be fully pacified and tification for further delay. transformed within this 12-month period.

Whether that ultimately happens will depend mainly on the behavior of the peoples of Bosnia. The international military force is intended merely to provide a cooling off period so that the transformation from war to peace can begin.

Achieving greater equality between the heavily armed Serbian and Croatian forces and their underarmed Bosnian counterparts would clearly help preserve peace over the longer term. But linking this goal too closely to the American peacekeeping force would be a danger-ous mistake. Mandating that the Amer-ican troops arm and train the Bosnians would endanger the Americans by compromising their neutrality.

There are other ways to address the military imbalance, Serbian and Croatian arms levels could be negotiated downward in exchange for economic and diplomatic incentives, rather than building up arms levels all around. Failing that, a separate multinational effort could be undertaken to arm and train Bosnian forces without directly involving American peacekeeping troops.

If it is understood that the peacekeepers are being sent to give Bosnia a fair start on a peaceful future, oot to see the process all the way through to a guar-anteed ending, withdrawing NATO forces at the end of 12 months should be relatively straightforward.

It is important for Congress to act before the NATO mission begins in earnest next week. There is no real jus--THE NEW YORK TIMES.

All the Way to Jupiter

Its main antenna is broken. Because of launch delays and reductions in the power of the rocket that hurled it toward Jupiter, the spacecraft had to take a circuitous, 3.7-billion-kilometer journey. But right oo its revised schedule Galileo arrived last week and settled into orbit around the giant planet. A small probe that had hitched a ride to Jupiter on Galileo pierced the planet's gaseous at-mosphere on Thursday. Scientists who had worked for 18 years to send a tiny mechanical messenger from Earth to Jupiter were justifiably proud. "This is really neat," one said.

The moment did not match in drama the first steps of Neil Armstrong on the moon, but it was another milestone for the American space program, hobbled in recent years by budget cuts and technical set-

backs. Like Apollo 13, which was saved by Rube Goldberg repairs, Galileo was kept alive by its earthbound minders, who fiddled with software, cobbling together programs that allow data to be transmitted

through a small, secondary antenna.

Sophisticated late-20th-century homans know better, of course, but it is tempting to assign some strange sort of altruism to Galileo's tiny probe, bound for certain destruction by heat, pressure and other Jovian torments, which used its last corporeal moments to send back the first recordings of an atmosphere that scientists guess to be full of hurricaneforce winds, ammonia-crystal clouds, lightning and infernal temperatures, before being vaporized and disappearing forever in the gassy depths. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Aircraft Without Flags

Can Brusseis succeed where the British and Americans have failed? The argument for keeping the commission out of aviation talks used to be that the Europeans would move at the speed of their slowest members, cotably of "olive belt" countries such as France, Italy and Spain that were determined to protect their loss-making state airlines from the competition that might destroy them. But the balance of the argument, and of pow-er, may now be shifting inside Western Europe. These same governments have allowed Brussels to liberalize the Union's internal aviation market; from

1997 fully open skies will prevail inside the Union, and Europe's air fares should accordingly start to fall. This is potentially the thin end of a wonderful wedge that will win many more converts to the cause of deregulation. The olive belt, moreover, must soon begin to tire of bailing out loss-making airlines.

The process will not be complete until the open skies extend over the Atlantic as well. This is because airlines make most of their money on long-haul flights. In a European-American free-aviation area, anyone could fly from anywhere, subject to buying a slot at an airport. It is time to take the flags off aircraft's tails.



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EDITORIALS/OPINION

For Preventive Action Against Man-Made Disaster

WASHINGTON — A disaster relief staffer at the U.S. Agency for International Development commented recently, "Wouldn't a simple earthquake be a change of pace?"

It is not surprising that many relief workers find themselves almost nostalgic for a simple natural disaster. Certainly a typhoon or a volcano would be easier to deal with than the protracted civil wars and bitter ethnic conflicts that have empted around the globe. Floods don't last for years, or take hostages. Mud slides don't commit genocide. Cyclones don't demand peacekeepers.

In the field of humanitarian relief, these have been difficult times. Civil wars and imploded nations like Yugoslavia, Rwanda and Liberia have replaced natural disasters as the main worry of those who

bring comfort to the people most in need. The U.S. government and European governments have always been generous in lending a helping hand to the victims of disaster around the globe, but that job is getting harder than ever before.

Statistics bear painful witness to the travails of trying to staunch the bleeding from the proliferation of man-made crises. In 1960 there were approximately 2 million refugees around the world. Today there are more than 17 million.

By J. Brian Atwood

Add to that some 27 million people displaced within their own countries, and it is small wonder that the international community is collectively drowning in a sea of unprecedented need.

This new generation of crises has some notable common traits. They have been driven by weak and corrupt government institutions, unsustainable population growth, deteriorating environmental conditions, food insecurity and abject poverty. We know these things, yet we reduce spending on the development assistance that cures these ills while we increase

spending on humanitarian emergencies. This week in Madrid, officials from the European Union, the United States, international organizations and nongovernmental institutions are gathering to take a long, hard look at some basic realities facing humanitarians in a post-Cold War world. The humanitarian summit will consider issues important to all relief workers: laws governing the free passage of humanitarian assistance, the rights of civilians in conflict situations, and guarantees of the safety of humanitarian workers during crises.

The conference in Madrid is also im-

portant because it is taking a broader look at this new generation of crises. The humanitarian community has recognized that improving its ability to respond to

disaster is no longer enough. Civil strife and failed states produce most of the world's refugees and displaced persons. Most precursors to failed states are not natural disasters but man-made conditions. These conditions can be seen, they can be diagnosed and, indeed, they can be treated. These indicators of a nation in peril can be dealt with by collective, preventive international intervention.

The U.S. government has just completed a study which concludes that there is a strong correlation between a state's vulnerability to collapse and three indicators: high infant mortality rates; closed markets and restricted trade; fragile democratic institutions. Each of these indicators relates to the internal policies of governments, but they relate as well to the commitment of the international community to make available official development assistance.

Perhaps more than ever before, we have the tools and the foresight to stop man-made crises before they occur. We know that social and economic development will stabilize a society. This development is the best tool we have to help

International economic and social development programs — a main tool of crisis prevention — must focus on nations where the international community's political and economic interests are engaged, where need is apparent, and where these programs can be effective in a positive parmership with the host government and people. And diplomacy and development should be more effectively integrated to mobilize help when a coun-

try is vulnerable to collapse. It is a terrible irony that at the moment when we are realizing that preventive diplomacy is our best hope, the international community is steadily decreasing its assistance to the most vulnerable nations. As legislatures in the United States and Europe look to squeeze budgets tighter, it is the preventive medicine of development that is placed lowest on the list of priorities.

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The cost of this shortsighted approach will nonetheless be paid, not only by future generations but by ours as well.

The writer is administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Prospects for Restoring the Rule of Law in Bosnia Are Not Good

WASHINGTON — NATO forces are going to Bosnia for a year to give peace a breathing space. The hope is that, in a year of ordinary life, the divided people of Bosnia will begin to value peace more than hatred or revenge. If that hope is to have a chance, a crucial necessity is the re-establishment of respect for

law and humanity. And there the early signs are not encouraging. The weeks since the Dayton peace agreement have seen worrying symptoms of disregard for its promises of justice. Bosnian Serbs have continued to carry out "ethnic cleansing" around Banja Luka, the principal city they hold in northern Bosnia.

The region was the site of some of the most brutal Serbian practices of murder and intimidation during the war. Most of the Muslims and Croats who survived have fled the Banja Luka area. Now the 12,000 who remain are being driven out of their homes, a few families every day, and their houses are being burned or turned over to Serbian refugees.

Bosnian Croats last week released a Croatian military officer who had been indicted by the International War Crimes Tribunal, Ivica Raiic. It was a brazen violation of a promise made in Day-ton. Mr. Rajic was on trial for Serbs seized the supposed "safe

By Anthony Lewis

murder in a local court. In Dayton. Croatian officials promised that after the trial, however it ended, he would be turned over to the International Tribunal. Last week he was acquitted by a Croatian judge and released.

The action could hardly have been more contemptuous of Dayton. But then President Pranjo Tudiman had earlier reacted to another officer's indictment for war crimes by giving him a more important assignment. Croatian soldiers have been

carrying out a scorched-earth policy in areas that Dayton requires them to leave and turn over to the Serbs. They are looting and burning villages. A broader concern is raised by

the appointment last week of Carl Bildt as the "high representative" to oversee the civilian side of implementing the Dayton agreements. Mr. Bildt, who is leader of the opposition in the Swedish Parliament, was the European Union's mediator in the last phase of the Bosnian conflict. As mediator, he had a reputation for truckling to the Bosnian Serb aggressors.

Mr. Bildt was criticized espe-

area" of Srebrenica in July and theo massacred as many as 6,000 civilian men. According to some reports, be opposed NATO air strikes to save Srebrenica. After the town fell, he announced that he had made a deal with the Bosnian Serb commander, Ratko Mladic, for Red Cross access to prisoners. No such access was ever given, and by all signs the "prisoners" were in fact dead. Mr. Bildt said nothing critical of Serbian actions at Srebrenica un-

til three months later. As high representative, moreover, he has said he will stay in Swedish politics and live in Stockholm. It is hard to believe that the vital job of overseeing compliance with Dayton can be

done from a distance. Mr. Bildt's appointment matters because the high representative has great power. He monitors compliance with the Dayton agreements. If be finds that Serhia is not complying, sanctions would automatically be reimposed, without a vote in the UN Security Council Perhaps Mr. Bildt will perform better in his new job than as mediator.

But the most sensitive and critical job of the high representative will be to hold the parties to their

promise of cooperation with the refugee official, Kris Janowski, War Crimes Tribunal. That is so said of the Serbian ethnic cleansing because unless the victims of the horror in Bosnia can see that individuals are being held respon-sible, they will attach guilt to groups - and the cycle of hate and revenge will go on.

Serb authorities who claim to be doing all they can to stop the crime but then do nothing." That is why the recent events on the ground raise concern. A UN

The Purpose Is Arming the Muslims

TT DOES not matter that America should not have gone into

Bosnia in the first place. It now matters only that we succeed. The trick is to define success and then make sure that we achieve it. Our purpose in Bosnia is not justice but mercy. It is too late for justice. Despite the pious promises of Dayton; the ethnically

cleansed will not be returning. The killers, except for a random few, will go unpunished. Bosnia will lose half its territory to the Serbs. The Serbs of Sarajevo, in turn, will be turned over to the tender mercies of a hostile Muslim-dominated government. There will be many heartrend-

ing televised scenes of injustice in the coming months. Refugees, for example, are sure to be refused passage home. There will be a

forces to set things right. The

said of the Serbian ethnic cleansing around Banja Luka: "The Dayton

agreement hasn't stopped it ... We

will have the same bitterness and

hostility in Bosnia, and the same

The New York Times.

temptation must be resisted. Our purpose in Bosnia is not nation-building but army-building. We really do not care about the political institutions of the new Bosnia. We care not a fig about the collective presidency. nor the constitutional court nor the central bank nor the ethnically partitioned Parliament. We like democracy, but we do not even

care whether they have one. We care about only one thing, but about this we should care a lot leaving behind a Bosnian state that is capable of self-defense. And that means, during our year there, arm-ing the Muslims, training them, and leaving behind as much of our own equipment as they will need to carry on when we depart.

- Charles Krawhammer. great temptation for American writing in The Washington Post.

With Republicans 'on the Run,' Democrats Are Cheerful Again

WASHINGTON — The Democrats have more bounce in their steps than they have had since the roof fell in on them 13 months ago. Rightly or wrongly, they think their chances of holding the White House and maybe even scoring a comeback in

Congress are reviving. It is no one thing but a combination of factors, all encouraging, that have replaced a year's worth of frowns with unfamiliar smiles. "I think the hemorrhaging stopped in August," said Senator Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut, the party's general chairman, and every month since then has been better than the one before."

Mr. Dodd made the comment the other morning directly after returning to Capitol Hill from a pep talk to some 500 would-be campaign managers and workers, in Washington for a week of trainBy David S. Broder

ing. His enthusiasm may be ex- about their situation. Mr. Clinton aggerated, but I found it widely shared by other Democrats in Congress, who until recently had little good to say about the White House, the party or their own po-

The upbeat comments were usually joined to admonitions that this month told colleagues that election day is almost 11 months away and that much will happen before then. Bill Clinton's decision to put 20,000 Americans into a dangerous, yearlong "peacekeep-ing" mission in Bosnia is full of hazards. And Whitewater investigations on Capitol Hill and in Little Rock continue to raise unsettling questions about the president and the first lady.

Notwithstanding all of that,

came back from his European trip with enhanced credentials in the foreign policy arena, where his

many doubts. One Democratic legislator who had seen Chancellor Helmut Kohl Mr. Kohl had said, "For the first time in many decades. Europe will be pulling for the re-election of a Democratic President." That is not something one would have

earlier performance had raised

heard a year ago. Closer to home, the Democrats have reason to feel that they have been winning the propaganda war over the budget. The Republicans claim, with much justification; that the Democrats have been there are solid reasons for the Democrats to feel more confident unmercifully, exaggerating rela-

tively small differences between the president's plan and the Republican budget and deliberately fanning fears. But if turnabout is fair play, those who slam-dunked Mr. Clinton's health reform plan in 1994 with dubious charges that was government-controlled medicine are on weak grounds in faulting the Democrats' tactics.

And the differences on Medicaid, education and taxes which the Democrats also have been using in the budget debate - are real and important. Senator Paul Coverdell, Re-

publican of Georgia, reflected the anxiety in his party when he told me: "In the short term, it's very difficult to win an argument with the president. He almost always wins the first round," Mr. Coverdell expressed the hope, as did Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour, that over time the public will swing back to a more favorable view of the Republican spending plan.

But it has been a year or more since Republicans had to plot a comeback strategy. In the heady weeks of the 1994 campaign and the even more dazzling first him-dred days of rapid action on the Contract With America, every-thing seemed to be breaking for the Republicans. Now the spearhead of that offensive, Speaker

Newt Gingrich, has been burned so badly by his own mistakes and misstatements that he has become a liability to his cause.

Mr. Dodd's reaction to the news that a special counsel had been asked to look into Mr. Gingrich's tangled financial affairs was one of mock concern. "I don't want to lose him," the

Democratic chairman said. Democrats talk constantly about Mr. Gingrich now. They made him an issue last month in the Kentucky and Virginia elec-tions, where they blunted the steady Republican gains in the South, and they are trying to make him an issue in special election campaigns under way in Califor-

nia and Oregon. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri, and Whip David E. Bonior, of Michigan, who looked pretty fu-tile in challenging Mr. Gingrich for most of the year, now argue that his fall from grace gives them a realistic chance of recapturing

their lost majority.

"Both the speaker and the Republicans are on the run," according to Mr. Gephardt. It has been a long time since any Democrat could say that without evoking laughter. No wonder they are looking smug.

The Washington Post.

Activism That Hurts People in Need

RANGOON — Should human rights activists in Western nations, in their campaign for democratic reform in Burma, take away the right to work of thousands of Burmese

with jobs in garment factories? In 1989, as Burma began its open-door economic reforms after nearly three decades of socialist isolation, I visited Ran-goon to explore the feasibility of setting up a garment factory.

I was shocked to discover that unemployment was 60 percent and that many young people in their mid-20s with high school or even college education had never had an opportunity to work. Prac-tically the only jobs available were in the civil service or smallscale shops and restaurants.

After several months of negotiations, we opened our first joint venture factory with Myanma Textile Industries, a division of the Ministry of Industry.

I still remember the day we began recruiting. Despite heavy monsoon rains, more than 2,000 young Burmese came for the 400 jobs. Many were malnourished, and those who were unsuccessful at first refused to leave when we announced that the positions had been filled. Those hired were trained by

By Joe Pang

Then we began shipping top quality garments to customers in the United States including wellknown labels such as Liz Claiborne, Eddie Bauer and R. H. Macy. Customer reaction was so positive that our group now has four factories in Burma employ-

ing 3,300 workers. Other foreign investors followed our example, and today there are eleven joint venture garment plants in Rangoon employing some 15,000 Burmese. An experienced garment worker can earn between \$30 and \$40 a month - nearly double the salary of a director in a state enterprise or government body.

Business in supporting industries has also grown, and the trickle-down economic effect has been significant, as shown by the shops that have opened near the factories.

However, since last year guided actions will hurt the many of our U.S. customers people they purport to help. have been under pressure from various human rights groups, in-cluding the New York-based Coalition for Corporate Withdrawal from Burma. These activists threaten to picket any our technicians for three months. goods. They also threaten to buy al Herald Tribune.

shares of any publicly listed company importing such goods, to voice their views at annual stockholders' meetings.

Initially the activists' threats were ignored. However, under continuous pressure, including picketing, some of our customers finally caved in.

Garment exports to the United States from my group of companies in Burma reached \$32 million in 1994. This year we expect the figure to fall below \$10 million. Workers' average pay, which is mainly cal-culated by piece-rate, has fallen to \$12 dollars a month. In the next few months we expect to have to lay off up to half of our workforce because of the slump

in American demand. American human rights activists assert that the Burmese government violates human rights and represses democracy. But do they consider the rights of workers in Burma? Their misguided actions will hart the very

The writer is managing director of Victoria Garment Manufacturing Company in Hong Kong, which has four factories in Burma. He contributed stores selling Burmese-made this comment to the InternationIN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Ambushes Laid PARIS — (The Herald says in an

editorial]: The impression among French political men yesterday [Dec. 11] was not good. It was reported that M. Faure was somewhat disgusted with the petty ambushes being laid on him, and the question "When shall we go to Versailles?" was openly passed about. The meaning of this is, "When shall we be called upon to elect a new President?" Certain persons profess to know the names of Moderate Republicans who are carrying on the campaign against the President through hatred of the Radical party. Even admitting that this is false, it must be granted that the situation is not satisfactory.

1920: Immigration Bill WASHINGTON — Opening the

House on the Immigration Restriction Bill, Representative Harold Knutson declared that several for-

"the movements of radicals" from Europe to the United States Spain, he declared, is a seething mass of anarchy and the Government is dumping this mass on America Several Representatives opposed the Bill as a repressive measure towards any liberty loving man. An amendment was adopted limiting the immigration embargo to one year from two.

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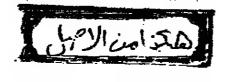
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TEHRAN — Former Premica Said Zia Eddin denied any intention of withdrawing from politics; saying his retirement would enable the Russians to "realize their ant-Iranian aims quicker." The kamer Premier's expulsion from Paris ment was demanded by pro-Russian elements of the Iranian press last week on the grounds he was an agent of a foreign power." He asserted that there was a campaign to oust him "since the framati go" erument's refusal to grant of coneign Governments are financing cessions to the Soviet Union.



OPINION/LETTERS

Something Fishy Is Under That Whitewater Rock

By William Safire

W ASHINGTON — On Nov. 5, four on the public payroll: Bruce 1993, armed with improperly brained warnings about criminal fidant since Mr. Foster's death and references involving the president and Mrs. Clinton, four federal employees went to consult with three tled White House counsel, and two privately hired Clinton lawyers.

Denver's James Lyons, whose "report" during the 1992 campaign threw most reporters off the Whitewater scandal's scent; five months and scheduled to be a visitor of, privileged conversation he had Vincent Foster, at the time of his apparent suicide.

At least one of the publicly paid White House aides — associate White House counsel William Kennedy III - made extensive notes of that Nov. 5 meeting.

We do not know if those notes reveal a conspiracy to obstruct justice, but we do know they are so fight to the Supreme Court to keep them from public view.

Gone is all past pretense of co-operating with investigators. To conceal that and related memos of Nov. 5, the Clintons have evoked no "executive privilege," with its Watergate connotation, but chose instead "lawyer-client privilege."

Trying to place his tawdry coverup on a high moral plane, President Clinton explained: "Given the fact that this will set a big precedent, I don't believe the president should say he's not entitled to have complete confidence in his own lawyer."

The key to that is "his own." When anybody hires or is assigned a personal lawyer, the privilege of confidentiality usually exists, unless a new crime is being planned.

But nobody paid by the public is the president's "own"; White House counsel, as we saw with John Dean in Watergate, is not beyond the reach of investigators. The legal allegiance of all public employees is to the public that pays them and not to the superiors they report to.

Let's figure out what is going on.
"If they testify about the private conversation between the president and his lawyer," said Vice President Al Gore on a television talk show on Sunday, "then that allows the complete elimination of the lawverclient privilege." He went on to say:
"They cannot give the details of a private conversation between the

president and his lawyer."

of his assistants, Neil Eggleston and One of the private lawyers was Mr. Kennedy. The key notes subpaid personal lawyers.

From that we can deduce that one before, Mr. Lyons was a caller to, of the personal lawyers related a

> Any pretense of cooperation is gone.

with the Clintons to foor agents of the federal government, at least one of whom wrote it down contemtice, but we do know they are so poraneously. That surely breached damaging that the Clintons will confidentiality, and the document recording it can be subpoenaed in a

government investigation.

The alternate deduction: One of the public employees passed some embarrassing or incriminating information about a conversation with the Clintons on to private counsel. That was never privileged because it went through a public intermediary,

a White House aide.

My guess: After the White House aides revealed to Mr. Clinton's counsel their tips about criminal investigations, one of the private counsel, like a legal sap, relayed something his client told him, and Mr. Kennedy, like a political sap, wrote it down. After years of hiding it from Justice Department and congressional investigators, the Clin-

tons cooked up this legal barrier. Why hasn't the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, who is reportedly seeking the same Nov. 5 accounts, subpoenaed everything-Mr. Kennedy ever wrote about

Whitewater? The courts might choose to demur in a fight between the legislative and executive branches, but Mr. Starr is more a creature of the judicial branch. If he added his own subpoena, not even Senate Democrats

could find legalities to quash it. A naysterious death; witnesses unbelievably forgetful about calls made in its aftermath; conflicts in sworn testimony about concealment of the dead man's files; now claims to a privilege of secrecy. Something

Who are they? The only ones in is under that Whitewater rock. that meeting asked to testify are the onesting asked to testify asked to testify asked to the onesting asked to testify asked to the onesting asked to

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Armenia

Regarding "In Armenia, the Bloom Is Off the Democratic Rose" (Nov. 28):

The parliamentary elections and the referendum on the constitution in Armenia last June were witnessed by observers from the United Nations and the European Union, who declared the elections "free although unfair." That qualification probably referred to the allocation of time to the various parties on national television and radio.

Democracy in Armenia continues to develop, and all opposition parties and newspapers have unrestricted freedom except the Armenian Rev-olutionary Federation. The article fails to mention that

this party is directed and financed from abroad. This is unlawful in Armenia and, to the best of our knowledge, all other sovereign countries as well.

VAHÉ JAZMADARIAN. ROUBEN A. GREGORIAN.

Levon Ter-Petrosyan was demo-cratically and popularly elected president of the Republic of Armenia. He is the guarantor of the Armenian Constitution, which guarantees human rights and freedom of

The president cannot overlook the state of insecurity endangering the oil customers. existence of the newborn Armenia.

he suspended the Armenian Revolutionary Federation until that party acknowledges its mistakes and takes effective measures to act as an open and transparent politi-

Then the party, which has been the main standard-bearer of Armemian independence for 100 years, will find its rightful place in the family of Armenian political life.

The president, far from being a 'pragmatist with the arrogance of power," is a true intellectual who enjoys the respect of world leaders as well as the Armenian population inside and outside Armenia. HAIK ARSLANIAN.

Honorary Consul. Republic of Armenia. Antwerp, Belgium.

Punish Nigeria

Regarding "Big Oil Should Face What It Sows" (Opinion, Dec. 2): It is a matter of regret that the international community is still dragging its feet over the issue of a mandatory oil embargo demanded by President Nelson Mandela and the

gerian pro-democracy movement. Perhaps the international community might consider freezing Nigerian government assets overseas, including bank accounts into which oil proceeds are paid by the

This would result in oil mer-

It was to secure law and order that chants' paying into what would basically become escrow accounts, or Nigeria's refusing to sell its oil because there would be no account into which the proceeds could

be put. The effect would be the same: denying the regime money to finance its civilian collaborators and inflate the private accounts of

A. BOLAJI AKINYEMI.

Quebec History

Regarding "France Reassures Both Sides" (Nov. 1): Jean-Marie Le Pen blamed Quebec's referendum outcome on new-

ly arrived immigrants in the "old French province."

The original "newly arrived immigrants," also "strangers to Quebec in heart and spirit" — to quote Mr. Le Pen — were the French.

They were welcomed by my ancestors, Canadian natives - or, as they were called at that time, Indians (a misnomer). Soon thereafter, these French "guests" of Quebec began a murderous campaign of genocide against their Indian hosts.

This is the bloody legacy "in heart and spirit" that French-speaking opportunists like Mr. Le Pen dare to disregard in their quest for power at any cost.

"Inday's problems of poverty and studence will never subside unless we invest in the physical, mental, and emotional development of the

Esbly, France,

Space Exploration Offers A Needed Shot of Vitality

By Tom Harris

coming a frontierless folk culture en-Jupiter provides exactly the kind of

cultural infusion our society needs. Our history since the Renaissance shows a strong correlation between geographic exploration and general

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cultural vitality, says Stephen Pyne, a history professor at Arizona State University. Mr. Pyne sees important similarities between what space exploration offers our civilization and what the exploration of the world contributed to Europe after

the Middle Ages.

To properly understand the potential that awaits us, we should look at the societal impact of the first great age of discovery five centuries ago. The Europeans' first encounter with the New World was an abrupt

exposure to new geographies, new materials, new peoples, new coltures, new ideas — a Viitual avalanche of new information, fair more than could ever have been generated in any other way in such a short time. When this new information was brought home to Europe, it swept away many of the old certainties about what the world was like.

A good example is in the field of cartography. The great map of Fra Mauro was revered as the undisputed atlas of the world when it was published in 1459. On it, the world consisted of one great land mass, "The Island of the Earth," comprising Europe, Asia and Africa and occupying six-sevenths of the globe. The remaining one-seventh was ocean. There was no "terra incognita" and certainly no other continents or oceans; there was simply no place to put them.

Within 100 years, this arrogance had all but vanished. Most of the maps of the new age of discovery bore the legend, "All the world which has been discovered up to this The Europeans were oow engaged in what the historian Daniel Boorstin calls "negative discovery": They were coming to understand that they actually knew very

little about the world around them. The information shock occurred in many fields, bringing about a radical transformation of European civilization; Exploration and the con- comment to the Los Angeles Times.

OS ANGELES - We need sequent challenging of old ideas space exploration; without it, we soon became highly valued. People heirs of Western civilization risk bedifferent from the past, that they gaged in endless self-reflection. The weren't caught in an endless cycle Galileo spacecraft encounter with and that they really were learning and that they really were learning things that the ancient world couldn't have imagined. In this way, Mr. Pyne explains, geographic exploration be-came a crucial part of what made Western civilization dynamic. Discovery, no matter in what field hecame a core value of our culture.

came a core value of our culture.

Seen in this light, space exploration fulfills a critical role in today's world, providing precisely the kind of information input we need at this time in history. Unlike other forms of discovery, which usually come gradually out of existing institutions of science and scholarship, the information we get from space exploration.

mation we get from space exploration comes in great gulps.

During the Voyager 2 flyby of Neptune, for example, information was coming in so fast that one scientist likened the experience to "trying to drink from a fire hose."

Whether the drive to explore is simply a characteristic of a particular culture, as Mr. Pyne believes, or is hard-wired into the human psyche, as the Canadian anthropologist Charles Laughlin believes, there is no question that our civilization needs space exploration. Exploring the final frontier is important not so much for what we'll find out there but for the renewal in spirit it encourages.

'Choosing to explore the solar system will not, by itself, assure us continued status as a world civilization," Mr. Pyne says. "That re-quires much more, a broader cultural GNP, if you will. But choosing not to explore will ensure that we will not retain that stature,"

Happily, this message seems to be getting through to government. Al-though Galileo is one of the last of the large robotic planetary explorers, a new series of smaller, less costly spacecraft will soon be flying. giving us the thrill of extraterrestrial exploration and discovery on a regnlar basis. Whether human beings eventually follow the robots to these distant worlds remains to be seen. For now, with Galileo, there is a new optimism in the space community: We're back in the planetary exploration business!

The writer, a lecturer on space exploration, the environment and human survival, contributed this



The best achievements were little ones.

Some of the best things that happened in 1995

were to children.

As a matter of fact, over the five decades since UNICEF was founded in 1946, more and more progress has been made for children. Progress in life expectancy: up by more than a third. Progress in infant survival: up by more than half. Progress in birth rates, in

education, in nutrition, in health. There are many factors responsible UNICEF and the governments, organizations, and individuals who have worked to improve the education, nutrition, and health of children throughout the world. The world's greater willingness to act in the interests of children. And a dramatic increase in knowledge: in awareness that children have rights and that misery is no longer inevitable.

Much of this knowledge and awareness has come about through communications. Including visual communications such as photography. Helping people in industrialized nations see the challenges faced by those who are less prosperous. While at the same time giving the latter a glimpse of hope, a snapshot of their own potential.

As an enterprise that has consistently led the way in photographic technology, we are gratified to see visual communications providing not only enjoyment, but



understanding. And as a worldwide organization that believes in living and working together for the betterment of all people, we applaud UNICEF in its continuing efforts to promote global well-being through local development. In its vision of a world where all children are protected. Because we, too, believe civilization can and must fulfill its potential by nurturing its children.

We are heartened by the progress thus far. But even more needs to be done. And we hope it won't take another five decades to ensure that every little child can look forward to a big future.

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A promise made. A promise being kept.

A message from Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.



At the 1990 World Summi for Children, leaders from more than 150 nations including 71 heads of state and government — promised to achieve some major goals in child survival, development, and protection by the year 2000. To sustaio

momentum, governments and Uoited Nations ageocies later formulated a set of intermediate goals for the eod of 1995.

As this year draws to a close, more than 100 of the developing countries, with more than 90 per ceot of the developing world's children, are oo track toward meeting these goals.

At least 84 countries have met the mid-decade goal of reduciog measles cases by 90 per cent. Some 145 countries have become polio-free-Malnutritioo has been decreased. Iodine deficieocy disorders and vitamin A deficiency have been reduced. More than 4,000 hospitals have taken steps to encourage breastfeeding and thus become "baby-friendly." Progress in education has been made.

As a result, 1996 will be an even better year. Some 2.5 million fewer children will die than io 1990. Tens of millions will avoid the scourge of malnutrition. And at least 750,000 fewer children will be disabled, blinded, crippled, or mentally

These achievements have not always made the nightly news in years past.

But they will improve daily life for millions of families in years to come.





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Electoral Outlook Is Good for Kohl, **But Bleak for Ally**

BONN - Chancellor Hel-Kohi's Christian Democrats could make big gains in three crucial German state elections in March, but his Free Democrat coalition part-ners appear to be headed for serious losses, according to a

poll published Monday. The votes, in Baden-Württemberg, Rhineland-Palatinate and Schleswig-Holstein, are considered important for the fu-ture of Mr. Kohl's coalition because serious Free Democrat losses could threaten his 10seat majority in Parliament.

The poll, conducted by the Sample Institute for Focus magazine, showed the Christian Democrats could stay ahead with 47 percent of the vote in Baden-Württemberg, up from 39.6 in the 1992 vote there.

If the Christian Democrats performed that well, they could probably form a one-party govemment after four years of a coalition with the Free

Mr. Kohl's party could also return to its position as the biggest party in Rhineland-Palatinate by rising to 45 per-cent from the 38.7 percent it

won in 1991, the poll indicates. The Social Democratic Party, the main opposition party, governs with the Free Democrats in Rhineland-Palatinate.

Supreme Court upheld Monday changes be creation of 62 Georgia udgeships over a challenge by the char

The ruling, made without a

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Black Georgia Voters

Lose in Supreme Court

WASHINGTON - The fore making any electoral

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The black voters said they proval for those judgeships.
The court refused to let the

ruse the Justice Department black voters intervene in the

ad dropped its challenge under le Voting Rights Act.

case, saying the Justice Department would represent their in-

165 law and therefore must get The court approved the proval from the Justice Dejudgeships last February.

It could switch to a coalition Greens, who won the support of 10 percent of those polled, if the Free Democrats cannot assure

According to the survey, the Social Democrats should remain the strongest party in Schleswig-Holstein, where it governs alone, by winning 43 percent, compared with the 46.2 percent showing it man-aged in 1992. The Christian Democrats would win 38 percent, an increase over its 1992 showing of 33.8 percent.

By contrast, the Free Democrats, whose national leadership is distracted by infighting, would fail to clear the 5 percent minimum needed to return to legislatures in Baden-Württemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate, the poll said.

Only in Schleswig-Holstein does the party have a chance, but only a razor-thin one — it scored 5 percent in the poll.

The Social Democrats, who

profited in 1991 and 1992 from voter anger over the high cost of German unification and an economic recession, would lose from three to six points in the three states, the poll said.

The poll tracked the party at

26 percent in Baden-Württernberg, 38 percent in Rhineland-Palatinate and 43 percent in Schleswig-Holstein.

partment or a federal court be-

Such approval certifies that

In 1991, the Supreme Court crowd.

the change has neither the pur-

pose nor the effect of harming

The Justice Department ap-

proved 36 judgeships created in Georgia between 1967 and

1992, but withheld approval for

judge federal court in the Dis-

trict of Columbia to grant ap-

minorities' right to vote.

elected judgeships.



Voters sitting in an unheated Moscow theater at an election rally held by the Russia's Choice party on Monday.

More Cases of Ebola Suspected in Liberia Virus Hits Refugee's Home

GENEVA - A medical team that crossed into Liberia to A second woman, the wife of investigate a possible outbreak of Ebola has discovered four more suspect cases, the World Health Organization said Mon-

day.

The five-member team visited the home of a 25-year-old Liberian refugee who was coo-firmed Friday as having the highly contagious virus.

They found two men sick

with fever and extreme fatigue, possible early signs of Ebola infection. They have been isolated in their home, WHO

Another woman in the house has been hospitalized in the Ivory Coast with symptoms similar to Ebola fever. A third man who is believed

to be sick had left the house

appears to be recovering, WHO An outbreak of Ebola killed 250 people earlier this year in the town of Kikwit in Zaire and

before the team arrived and his whereabouts were being traced.

the confirmed case, was also

not at home and was being traced, the United Nations

The home is in Plibo village

Blood samples from the sus-

pect cases have been sent to the

Institut Pasteur in Abidjan,

lvory Coast, where tests for the virus will be carried out by the

The team is continuing to in-

vestigate hospital and other contacts of the Ebola patient in

the Tabou region in the Ivory
Coast, WHO said.
The Ebola victim was ad-

mitted to a hospital in Gozon,

15 kilometers (about 10 miles)

from the Liberian border, last

week. He has been isolated and

health agency said.

in Maryland County.

medical team.

infected many others.
Its symptoms include massive internal bleeding, vomiting and diarrhea. It can be passed on through any contact with a patient's bodily fluids, includ-

ing droplets of saliva.
The new case is the first discovered since the Kikwit out-break was officially declared

over in August. The suspect cases in Liberia raise fears of an outbreak of the disease there, where years of civil war have ravaged health facilities. Although the war officially ended in September doctors had to negotiate with rebel leaders before cros

haven't been paid for three going on here. The Russian thousands Keep them open and than \$1, a mink hat costs \$300 Continued from Page 1 months. Not a ruble. We have government has used us and continue the pretense of free trouble buying bread, feeding assumed we are now too weak markets while living the reality of a state economy. A decade ago, there were 30,000 miners in Vorkuta; now to matter. If we were the only our children. 'Suddenly last week, as we

simple people," said Nikolai Stroyenko, acting chief of the Independent Mine Workers here and once an enthusiastic upporter of Mr. Yeltsin.

But how can you bonestly vote for a government that has never supported you? This little

the Serbs.

prepared to strike, the government sent a delegation to see us. And believe it or not, they found our salaries. Now, we are happy to be able to feed our city is one of the most expen-sive places in Russia, and we nobody is fooled about what is

working people who felt cheat-ed, they would be right. But we are not. The mining industry has suffered profoundly during Russia's steep industrial decline

ARCTIC: For Russian Miners in Far North, Any Party Is Better Than the Government's

over the last several years. Only agriculture has re-ceived greater subsidies from the government, and no indus-try more clearly illustrates the BOSNIA: Hope of Pilots' Release stark choices facing a free-market Russia: inefficient mines do. Close them and embitter But a loaf of bread costs more

there are around 20,000. Two mines have been shut, and more will soon follow.

"When we came here it was a prestigious choice," said Galina Ivanova, 55, who moved to Vorketta with her husband in 1961 and is now on a pension of about \$40 a month. "We were looked at as the great pride of the union." The miners here need to close, but they are al-most always located where more than the average wage of workers can find oothing else to about \$125 in the rest of Russia.

and that is also how much a family can pay each month for a good apartment.

In other parts of Russia, most poor people at least have a plot of land on which to grow potatoes, tomatoes and cabbage. But nothing grows here, so ev-

erything costs money.

"It's firmy," said Germadi
Pochaye, 37, who has spent 18 years working at the Var-gashovska mine. 'I came here because it was the one place in Soviet times that would ensure my freedom. Now it's one of the few places where there is no freedom at all. I can't afford to leave, and even if I could,

Striking rail workers and France Telecom employees at the port of Marseille pausing Monday to grab a bite to eat.

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the international community so

the guarantees built into the

Sarajevo Serbs that the transfer

to government control would be

gradual and closely monitored.

'The transfer of territory will not happen overnight," Autonio Pedauye said. "It will

advance notice of their patrols, Continued from Page 1 the North Atlantic Treaty Or-ganization announced on Monwanted to show the will still existed, despite three-and-a-

half years of siege and born-bardment by Bosnian Serbian The threat was issued during an incident Sunday near the town of Brcko and marks the forces, to live in harmony with first such dispute since NATO "Don't go. We can live to-gether again," said banners troops started arriving in the Tuzla region of northeast waved by the good-natured Bosnia as advance elements of the NATO peace implementa-The UN chief of mission in tioo force. Bosnia on Monday reassured

Bruce Stock, a UN spokesman in Tuzia, said a smali U.S. reconnaissance patrol had gone up to Brcko, a Serbian-held town in the northern Posavina corridor, on Sunday without previously telling the Serbs. Georgia then asked a three- be a gradual process, it will be a U.S. troops are to patrol the Tuzia region under the Bosnia process closely monitored by peace accord.

"It caused a bit of an in-Dayton agreement will be ef- cident," Mr. Stock said. The Serbs told UN Protection Force officials that "U.S. there before or after the signing" of the peace treaty.

(Reuters, AFP)

FRANCE: Prime Minister Gives More Ground to Striking Workers

Continued from Page 1

tem and prevent France from joining in a single European currency.
"To say that the strike will come to an

end is tantamount to having illusions, because you cannot make a strike go away or stop by pushing a button," Mr. Blondel responded when asked if a meeting with the prime minister was enough to hope that an end of the strike was imminent.

The union chief added that what was necessary was a "global negotiation" that involved all aspects of economic restructuring. On their face, the broad talks called for later Monday by Mr. Juppé would not seem to fulfill Mr. Blondel's demand. Louis Viannet, who leads the other pow-

erful union at the heart of the strike, the communist CGT, also exhibited little apmost important of which is their right to Nantes and St. Malo, joined the strike.

petite for compromise, calling for demonstrations. Tuesday because, he told reporters, "it's the only way to make the transit workers, which has closed train sta-". government budge.

"If we say to the workers, first you go back to work, and then we'll talk, it would be all the less likely to succeed given that they already have experience of that," Mr. Viannet said upon emerging from a meeting with Mr. Juppé.
The prime minister had refused to meet

with the two union leaders until Sunday, when he made what was widely viewed as a significant gesture of conciliation by agreeing to face-to-face sessions. In further concessions, Mr. Juppé pledged to review some aspects of his austerity program and made several other pledges to retain the special benefit allowed to retain the

tions and eliminated most buses, has forced a 10 million people in the Paris region to walk, bike or drive to work for nearly three

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More important, the strike has caused devastating losses of hundreds of millions of dollars to small and large businesses in manufacturing, retail and tourism, includ-ing hotels and restaurants, as well as stores banking on a Christmas shopping season that has not yet arrived.

Pactories are also closing or reducing 3 output as they are unable to deliver goods is and services to customers or get material at for industrial production. On Monday, four

ASEAN: Trade Surges in Bloc

Continued from Page 1

or the North American Free ucts have been added to the list, Trade Area, although per capita and the whole process has been income and purchasing power are still substantially lower.

ASEAN heads of government, meeting in Bangkok on tra-ASEAN trade is now sub-Thursday and Friday, are ex- ject to the tariff-cutting propected to approve steps to uc- gram celerate completion of the freetrade deal, in effect bringing the covered by ASEAN's prefer-deadline for six of the seven ential tariff reductions rose 44 members of the group forward to the year 2000, from 2003. Vietnam, ASEAN's newest 1993.

member, has been given until 2006 to comply. When the free-trade accord considerable

was first initialed in 1992 amid billion - a larger share than the ASEAN countries were given trading partners, such as Japan until 2008 to cut tariffs on most manufactured products and (17 percent) and the European capital goods traded within the Union (15 percent).

group to no more than 5 per-cent. With certain exceptions, than either the European Union unprocessed agricultural prodaccelerated and deepened, officials said.

More than 80 percent of in-tra-ASEAN trade is now sub-Regional trade in products

percent in 1994, to nearly \$93 billion from \$64 billion in

Intra-ASEAN trade in 1994 made up more than 20 percent of ASEAN's total trade of \$506 skepticism, group's trade with other major (19 percent), the United States

Toni Cade Bambara, Writer, Is Dead at 56

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Toni Cade Bambara, a writer and documentary filmmaker who was celebrated for her intricate use of Black English in fiction, died Saturday of cancer at a hospital in Philadelphia. She was 56 and lived in Philadelphia.

In the early 1970s, Ms. Bambara was a major contributor to the emerging genre of contem-porary black women's litera-by a car.

ture, along with writers such as Toni Morrison and Alice Walk-Rather than traditional linear plots, she would often use flash-

subplot to tell a story. She

dialects into her prose, creating a unique, complex language that was widely admired by

Francesco Bonvicini, 54, the Italian cartoonist whose popular comic strip "Stumtruppen," depicting the missi-Ventures of German soldiers, was signed "Bonvi," died Sunday in Bologna after being hit

Darren Robinson, 28. the 450-pound rapper called fir. Human Beat Box for his per cussive belches and grants and backs, stream of consciousness a former member of the group and interweavings of plot and Fat Boys, died Sunday singing for friends at h would frequently weave black in New York City.

Jewelry From the Sky and Sea "I saw nature and I found with a sapphire known as the "Dancing Girl of India." It was for Mrs. Paul

go the feet on the city street. But no strikebound commuter struggling to work could have a more enchanted journey than to follow this narrow brick road.

It bisects the main gallery of the Musée des Arts Décoratifs. in the imaginary alleyway, sinted white clouds sail overwindows are like miniature aquations showing fish with prickly gold fins, diamond-studded shells and emerald and sapphire "seaweed."

The work of Jean Schlumberger, the French-born dejeweler for Tiffany in New York, has been given a magical setting for "A Diamond in the City," an exhibition of jewelry and objects (until Feb. 25).

Milky pearls laid among baguettes and sheaves of corn, with a whisky-brown diamond ring on a hunk of French bread are other imaginative ways in which the set designer Hilton McConnico captures the spirit of Schlumberger. The jeweler, who died in 1987 at age 80, is known for turning nature into art.

enameled fish with scadet fina, a Mellon, one of "Schlum's" inspiky seahorse and a bird of per-fluential patrons. adise with diamond crest, ruby eye and exotic multicolored feathers in amethyst, aquamarines, emeralds and sap-

At the opening party, the Tiffany contingent (sponsors of madeap designer Elsa Schiaparthe show), included Nicholas elli and creating original flyingBongard, Schlamberger's longfish carrings for society ladies. head in a blue sky and shop term partner, who described how ideas were literally dredged from the deep at their holiday home in Guadeloupe.

"We were out in a boat and he pulled out a shell with algae attached to it - and by the next ered his vocation as a fine jew signer who became a renowned morning I saw the drawing he morning I saw the drawing he eler, joining Tiffany in 1956. had done in the studio," said The enamel "Jackie" bracelets Bongard. The result was a in the exhibition are a reminder surrounded by a sapphire sea— Kennedy as first lady was a shown in the exhibition draped keen client and inaugurated a stick coral.

In a subtle reference to one of

mix, with his wit and style combined with precise technical skill. He started his career in Paris as a fashion jewcler, making the whimsical buttons for the

ended these sophisticated frivoli-ties and when reached out in shallow water and Schlumberger left France for New York in 1946, he discovbracelet of diamond-studded of the days when he was the shells on a bed of emerald algae toast of the town and Jacqueline over a shell with a branch of Manhattan exhibition of his work in 1961.

Schlumberger's lasting pull Schlumberger's most famous on high society was shown by pieces, jeweled bugs are dis-played on a cactus plant in an Jacqueline de Ribes through earthenware pot. And there, in Helene David-Weill, who has pride of place, is the flower pot written an enthusiastic foresprouting a golden sunflower set word to the catalogue that is



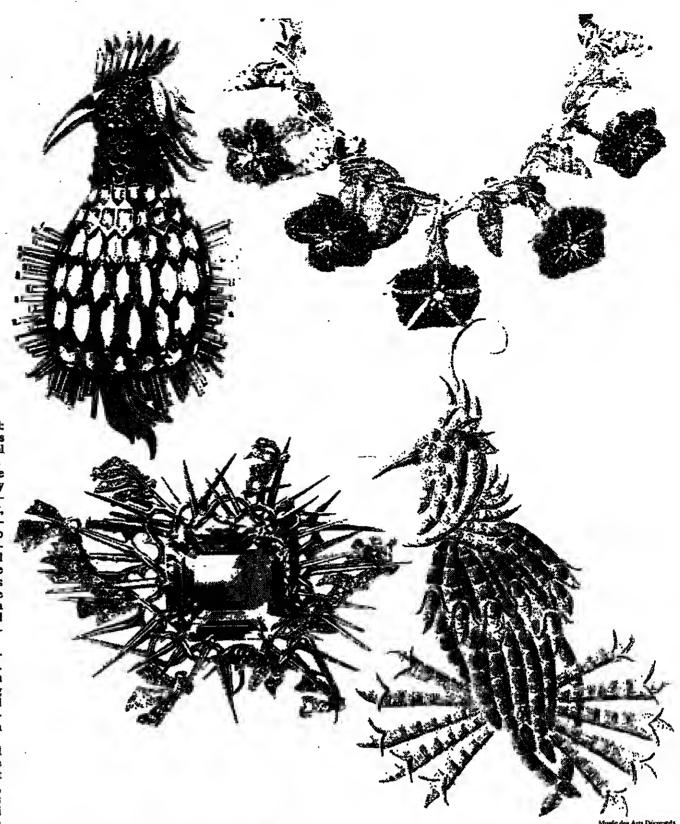
Seahorse clip, 1964.

also imaginatively presented: insect hat pins photographed as pond life and diamond and coral fish clips in an aquatic setting.

If the exhibition displays are sometimes distracting, they capture the energy and merriment of Schlumberger's work, whereas a more reverent approach would turn them into museum pieces. And McConnico knows when to leave well enough alone, as in the single twig alongside the fabulous Tiffany yellow diamond (the largest in the world) made into a clip of a diamond bird perched on the rock, after a 1975 drawing by Schlumberger.

The delicate working drawings also speak for themselves. Schlamberger considered them the foundation of his art, saying 'ideas come to me at pencil point," and it is possible to fol-low the lines of creation of a

shell pin or a flower clip. Visitors who have strolled the exhibition's alley may be inspired to take another short walk to the Place Vendôme, where the jewelers' windows sparkle with diamonds and glow with gold - in defiance of the morose Paris climate.



Gem-studded clips and necklace in "A Diamond in the City," an exhibition of the work of Jean Schlumberger.

Marisa Berenson (left), Liza Minnelli and French club owner Regine at charity gala.

A Charity Gala for Children

'Cabaret.'' Berenson launched an annual benefit to help children in need.

In spite of the labor unrest in Paris, Minnelli showed up to promote her own charity for brain-damaged children, the Institute of Human Pomote tential, one of three children's charities to ben-bushed with a kelber in a superscript of the labor unrest in Paris, Minnelli showed up to promote her own charity for brain-ter, Starlife, now 18, she broke the "chain" of daughter relationships that started with a kelber in a superscript.

For Berenson, who is a Unesco goodwill ambassador, the evening, with its charity auction of jewels and upscale tombola, was a bittersweet reminder of the days when she was dubbed Queen of the Jet Set. Although the almondshaped eyes, the perfect oval face and the tum-bled Botticelli curls may look early the same as when Berenson played an aristocratic beauty in Stanley Kubrick's 1975 movie, she says she has put the social whirl behind her.

'Barry Lyndon' was all about appearances things always reflect where one is at the time," she says. "Being insecure in life and as a person, not being aware whether I had talent or beauty, it was miraculous to me that all this

Last month, Berenson published an account of her personal journey of self-discovery. "Au-delà du Miroir" (Editions Michel Lafon) relates how the gilded granddaughter of fashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli rose to fame as a Vogne cover giri, became a movie star, fell for unsatisfactory men, smashed up her face in an automobilie accident and battled to overcome what she

deemed an unloved childhood. "I did a lot of things that I don't want to repeat," says Berenson. "I was very naive and

International Herald Tribune rather innecent for years. Life was like a current ARIS — Liza Minnelli was the ultimate taking me. I did not have maturity or inner cabaret and le tout Paris was in the awareness and no inner security or balance that

andience when actress Marisa Berenson played a new role as St. Nicolas. The St. Nicolas gala was proof that for Berenson like satellites round her wrists, she is a latter-day Cleopatra. Or 500 tiny strands of milk-white pearls pouring over a velutional when they were filming through the appendic diet and crystals—that she wet dress recall the Renaissance. has explored in her life, her Unesco work with children has touched her most deeply.

husband with a babe in arms.

"There is a pattern of women in families grandmother, mother and daughter — I made a conscious effort to break that," says Berenson, who, like her grandmother, left her husband when her daughter was an infant.

Schiap's daughter Yvonne ("Gogo') was subsequently dumped, at age six, in a Swiss school, for the sake of the child's health — and the mother's fashion career. In turn, six-year-old Berenson and her five-year-old sister Berynthia ("Berry") found themselves in Switzerland, re-

joining their parents for glamorous vacations.

Berenson says that her boarding school years in various countries have made her "a citizen of the world — I don't have roots." She is fluent in four languages, and she now lives in Paris. (She has just played Albert Schweitzer's wife in a French movie.)

Starlite now lives with her father in the United States, but Berenson says that she has an "incredible relationship" with her daughter. "She is very balanced, strong and outgoing," she says.

"To me, she is the best thing that I have done in

Suzy Menkes

Adrift in the Colors of the Mediterranean

International Herald Tribune ARIS — She looks a most unlikely saleswoman supreme. But Angela Pintaldi only has to put on one of her striking creations and SHOP WATCH

she gives it an extra allure. green tournalines — and the graceful Italian woman turns into a Masai

Nuggets of watery aquamarine bring nic appeal of her jewelry and objects that Pintaldi back home — to Siracusa, the are made from semiprecious stones.

Around the neck go rows of pink and born, which gives her the sense of the sea and of intense colors.

An exhibition at a Paris gallery and a book showcasing her work have put Pintaldi center stage, while she was once the well-kept secret of international socialites from Marella Agnelli to Victoria de Rothschild. They like the one-off slightly eth-

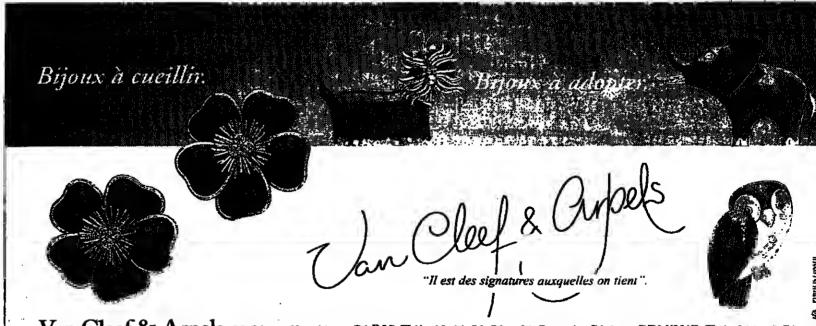
Her own favorite is amber, especially the rare violet-blue amber that reposes among the treacly yellow pieces at the Galerie de Valois, owned by Joyce Ma, in the gardens of the Palais Royal. There Pintaldi's collection of paisley shawls form a rich backdrop to the clean display of jewelry that sells from 3.500 francs for a sculpted wooden bracelet, to 10 times that for the chunky aquamarine neck-

For those for whom such objects of

desire are out of reach, there is the book: "Carrubba, the Art of Angela Carrubba Pintaldi" (published by Rizzoli) with poetic photographs by Fabrizio Ferri, His camera lingers lovingly on details of the jewels or on Pintaldi, photographed floating Ophelia-like, anchored by ropes of pearls, in the sea on the Mediterranean island of Pantelleria, whose volcanic rocks are an inspiration for her designs. Angela Carrubba Pintaldi, 168-173

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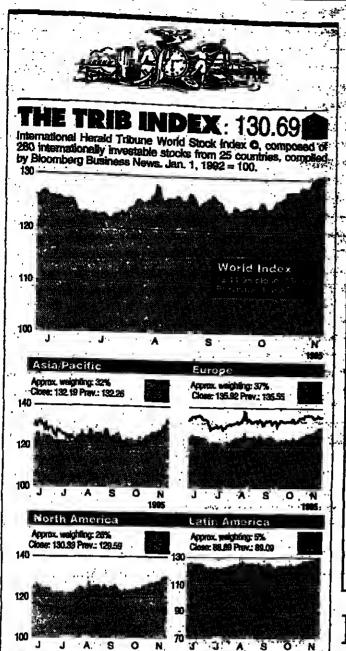
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Apple and Thorn-EMI Cut CD Deal

New Studio Aims to Popularize Enhanced Music Disks

By Richard Covington Special to the Herald Tribune

LONDON - The recording studio that brought the world the Beatles is joining with the company that brought the world the personal computer in a venture to popularize music compact disks enhanced with multimedia.

Thorn/EMI PLC's Abbey Road, where the Beatles recorded almost all of their studio music, and Apple Computer Inc. are to announce a venture on Tuesday that will create a new studio and work to replace audio CDs with enhanced versions that add lyric sheets, biographical material, video interviews, and even interactive games to existing audio tracks. Played on a conventional disk player, listeners hear only the music. But played on a CD-ROM drive on a computer, users can access all the fireworks of interactive

In time, practically all music will be on enhanced compact disk," predicted Martin Benge, vice president for Abbey Road. "The evolution of this technology will probably alter the way musicians compose," he said.

At present, the market for enhanced disks is limited by the relatively small proportion of households with computers equipped with CD-ROMs, said Deborah Monas, an analyst with Kagan World Me-Road will produce at least 24 enhandia. In Britain, for instance, only 7 percent. CD titles within the next three years.

of homes have CD-ROMs, about the same ropean countries, the figures are lower. It widespread market for enhanced CDs, Ms.

Yet some analysts said the new format could take a large bite from the \$35 billion-a-year audio disk business. In contrast to CD-ROMs, which cost up-ward of \$40 per disk, enhanced CDs are priced around \$5 higher than conventional audio disks.

About 100 enhanced compact disks are currently on the market. Musicians such as Peter Gabriel, Todd Rundgren and David Bowie have been in the forefront of exploiting the multimedia potential of en-banced CDs. "Stripped," the latest release by the Rolling Stones, contains an interactive segment and is presently the seventh best-selling disk in the United States, according to Billboard magazine.

One of the first hurdles facing the new format is the problem of where to find them in the record stores. Larger outlets such as Tower Records and Virgin Megastores have allocated separate shelf space exclusively for enhanced compact disks.

The new studio will be known as Abbey Road Interactive and will be open to musicians from all recording labels, not exclusively those signed to EMI. Abbey Road will produce at least 24 enhanced

The agreement between Apple and percentage as in Germany. In other Eu- Abbey Road stipulates that the venture may not use the name of the Beatles or will be another five years before there is a otherwise associate its activities with the group. Apple Computer is not related to the Beatles' company Apple, which sued the computer maker in 1990 over the use of the apple logo on music-related hardware. Under a 1981 agreement between the companies, Apple Computer was to use its logo only on computer equipment to avoid interfering with the British con-

cern's music business According to Satjiv Chalil, Apple Computer's vice president for entertainment and new media, the alliance with Abbey Road is "the first step in a major campaign of alliances with media, publishing and film companies," to exploit multimedia opportunities.

By forging a partnership with Abbey Road, Apple expects to raise its profile not only among musicians, but among the music-buying public at large. The intent of the alliance is to demonstrate that enhanced compact disks are not "some gimmick created in a Silicon Valley laboratory, but an innovation embraced by one of the most well-known recording studios in the world," Mr. Chalil said.

The additional cost of producing an enhanced CD can run from \$20,000 for elaborated liner notes and biographical material, to as much as \$250,000 for interactive games and animation.

Digital TV Group Gains Strength As Kirch Joins

FRANKFURT — The Kirch Group said Monday that it would join the alliance for a digital TV decoder standard in Germany rather than market a separate technology, removing a major obstacle to creating a Europewide standard for mul-

timedia set-top boxes. "It will give the market a chance to grow," said Gul Yuksel, an analyst with Giga Information Group in London.

Kirch said it had agreed to join Multi-Media Beteiligungs Gesellschaft, or MMBG. The alliance, which also includes Bertelsmann AG of Germany and Canal Plus SA of France, will supply digital television technology used in set-top boxes by Deutsche Telekom AG's cable customers.

Vebacom GmbH, a unit of VEBA AG, will also join the alliance, a spokesman for Deutsche Telekom said.

Details of the alliance will be announced Tuesday, he said. Vebacom had no immediate comment.

Because Deutsche Telekom in Germany, the decision will help set the standard for the technology that viewers throughout Europe will use to receive digital programs via cable networks or satellites.

Ms. Yuksel said the combination of Bertelsmann and Kirch in Germany and Canal Plus in France would be a powerful force in the emerging market, which promises to provide viewers with more channels and programs than traditional analog television.

The other members of the alliance are Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Télédiffusion SA and the German broadcasters ARD, ZDF and RTL.

If the MMBG technology is successful, other cable and satellite operators would be encouraged to use it as well, Ms. Yuksel said.

But companies such as British Sky Broadcasting PLC may still introduce rival technologies, she said. "The only other real player is

BSkyB," she said. "They have been very, very quiet." A spokesman for BSkyB had

no comment on the Kirch decision. Kirch Group's move re-moves the threat that German

owns the largest cable network viewers would be confused by competing technologies. Kirch planned to produce its own "d-Box" technology

through a partnership with Nokia AB of Finland, MMBG's 'Mediabox' was designed to "The goal of a Europewide be produced by an array of comstandard is almost reached," a panies under license.

Record Companies Try to Face the Music

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

NEW YORK -In 1995, the Beatles are

still very much in style. In fact, they are the hottest thing in the record business. For an industry that thrives on fresh

talent, that is no reason to smile. To some, the runaway success of the new Beatles album, more than two decades after the band broke up, is a sign of troubled times.

good records," said Dong Morris, the new chairman of MCA Music Entertainment, a unit of Seagram Co.

two of the largest record companies, MCA and the Warner Music unit of Time Warner Inc., let their top executives go.

Meanwhile, Sony last week dismissed Michael P. Schulhof, the president of its American operations and the executive who oversaw Sony Music. The turmoil of 1995 lays bare several

fundamental shifts, which could spell trouble for the \$35 billion worldwide music business. As new leaders take the helm at "As a whole, we didn't put out enough record companies, many analysts question whether they are any better equipped than their predecessors to navigate the industry through a rapidly changing landscape.

For the first time since the compact disk

In the past 18 months, Mr. Morris was For the first time since the compact charping the past 18 months, Mr. Morris was For the first time since the compact charping the past 18 months and promoted again. Along the way, States are likely to be flat for the year.

Moreover, the foreign market, which with the CD was the twin engine of growth for the industry, has become more challenging. Sales in some overseas markets, such as Brazil and Malaysia, are booming, and the industry is plowing into such new territories as India and China, but once-robust markets

in Europe and Japan are flagging.
The torpid growth comes as entrepreneurs such as David Geffen are starting new record labels, and conglomerates like Viacom Inc. and the Walt Disney Co, are thinking about jumping into the business.
"We have too much money chasing too

few acts," said Val Azzoli, the new pres-ident of Time Warner's Atlantic Records, "At this rate, we're going to blow our

less, his discovery of a chink in

the best armor yet devised for

digital commerce has presented

scientists with the most sober-

ing evidence so far that perfect

security may be no more pos-

sible to achieve in the electronic realm than in the physical world

Software Inc. of Novato, Cal-

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\$59.8 million to acquire 1.03

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Central Bankers' Group Sees Japan and Europe **Escaping a Downturn**

BASEL, Switzerland - Eu- fional capital-adequacy guiderope will avert a recession, lines to allow banks to use their Japan is recovering and the U.S. own in-house models to assess economy continues to expand. the Group of 10 central bank their monthly meeting.

We have seen some slowdown of activity in the last be disclosed Tuesday. months, but we don't expect there will be a new recessionary development" in Europe, the group's spokesman. Hans Tipaper disagree over the like-lihood of anyone's successfully etmeyer, the president of the Bundesbank, said. mounting the type of attack Mr. Kocher describes. Neverthe-

Mr. Tietmeyer said the cen-tral bankers had detected signs that the Japanese economy was starting to recover, while American economic situation seems to be very positive growth is going on, and inflation seems to be under control."

Europe, Japan and America all have seen growth in their gross national product slow since the first quarter of 1995.

But the group's outlook for Paul Allen, a co-founder of Microsoft Corp., acquired a 5 percent stake in Broderbund Japan, at least, matches the Bank of Japan's latest quarterly tankan survey, which found 10,000 managers across that nation at their most optimistic in almost four years.

> The central bankers also by the governor of the Saudi Arabian central bank, who forecast that oil prices will be stable next year, Mr. Tietmeyer said. The group also endorsed pro-

were briefed on the oil markets

The amendments, drawn up

governors agreed Monday at by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, will take effect on Jan. 1, 1997. They will The Group of 10 comprises

the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Sweden. The central bank governor of the host country, Switzerland, also takes part.

Olivetti Shares Advance 8.7%

Bloomberg Business News
MILAN — Shares of Olivetti
SpA surged for a second consecutive trading day Monday,
closing at 1,300 lire (82 cents),

up 104, or 8.7 percent.

Expectations that the company's rights offering of 2.257 trillion lira will be fully subscribed by investors helped the shares, as did news that the company's cellular phone di-vision, Omnitel, had started service on schedule.

Olivetti will use proceeds of the offering to pay for cutting its work force and for telecommu-

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A Fresh Agenda for the Atlantic Rim

By Reginald Dale ASHINGTON-The: United States and the Puropean Union reissuched the Atmonth, and hardly anyone noticed. That is a pity, because the so-called New Trans-

- just could - be a geo-economic acom from which a great oak will grow. It is understandable that few people paid attention. Except to the initiated, the agenda is dense, technical and dull — much less exciting than the dispatch of U.S. troops to Bosnia, which shouldered the Madrid meeting off the front pages on both sides of the ocean. Many Americans

are still unsure what the EU actually is. For the moment, in any case, the agenda is just well-intentioned words on paper. What it mainly does is commit the two sides to a long list of specific economic, commercial, scientifie, cultural and political joint actions, in fields ranging from

cided against a grander, more eye-catching initiative — such as a new Atlantic ing initiative — such as a new Atlantic ing a trans-Atlantic free-trade area

A basic aim is that the United States treaty or a trans-Atlantic free-trade area - which would have been far more timeconsuming and divisive.

In promoting trade, the thrust is rather to seek mity-gritty progress in areas such drugs, migration, international trade ne-as product certification and testing, which are of immediate interest to business and na into the world economic system. Once

could perhaps soon buy drugs approved in Europe without waiting for U.S. Food mers. Americans, for example, and Drug Administration endorsement.

Nevenheless, it all adds up to a web of contacts far more intense than the United States has with any other country, except Canada, which will hopefully soon be brought into the process. The Europeans should now be less concerned that the Atlantic Agenda signed by President Bill "should now be less concerned that the Clinton and BU leaders in Madrid could. United States is turning its back on the Atlantic Rim to embrace the Pacific fears that were always exaggerated.

> In promoting trade, the thrust is to seek nittygritty progress in such areas as product certification and testing.

If the agenda is fully implemented, it should help to turn the United States and the BU - in other words, most of the Bosnia to ballet and biotechnology.

West — into a powerful combined economic and political force in a world in which other power centers are rapidly

and Europe join together to confront the new global challenges of the post-Cold War era, whether they involve crime,

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a trans-Atlantic agreement is reached, it is hoped that others will follow.

Many areas will remain politically sen-

sitive. Washington hopes the EU will strengthen European security by bringing the Central European countries and Turkey into the Western orbit. But the Europeans do not want to give the United States a seat at the table when they discuss the EU's eastward expansion or their own future plans for closer union.

Washington wants European financial support in pursuing its international policies, in Bosnia, for instance, and in Palestine and North Korea and other trouble spots singled out for joint action. But the Europeans do not want simply to pay for American global leadership. The Europeans believe the terms of the

Madrid agreement enable them to avoid the worst of these dangers. More positively, they think it will help them put pressure on Washington to respect the rules of the multilateral world trading system and refrain from destructive uni-

ateral actions. They believe closer overall relations will make it easier to agree on security issues like the future of NATO, and they also hope that the need to present a com-mon front to Washington will sour on the EU in its efforts to forge common economic and foreign policies.

It all sounds too good to be true. Maybe is. But if the two partners actually do what they say, the unsung ceremony in Madrid will turn out to have been a rather

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Virtual Vulnerability: New Thieves Menace Electronic Commerce

By John Markoff New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO - The discovery of a vulnerability has shaken the computer security world's faith in the safe use of the data-security technologies on which most current and planned electronic banking, shopping and "digital cash" systems are based.

The vulnerability has been found in a class of technologies known as public-key encryption—designed to protect elec-tronic transactions by scram-bling data so they can be read only by people with the proper mathematical keys to the code.

The flaw was identified by
Panl C. Kocher, a 22-year-old

researcher, who demonstrated a way that an electronic eavesdropper who is able to monitor the repeated process of unscrambling the incoming messages could figure out the private key. It can be done, he says, simply by repeatedly keeping track of the precise length of time, down to the mi-crosecond, it takes to unscramble each message.

Public-key encryption had been assumed to be so difficult to crack that only the brute force of a supercomputer could do it, and even then only if months or years were devoted to the task. So highly has Washington respected the technology's shielding power that its

export is rightly controlled.

But a technical paper by Mr.

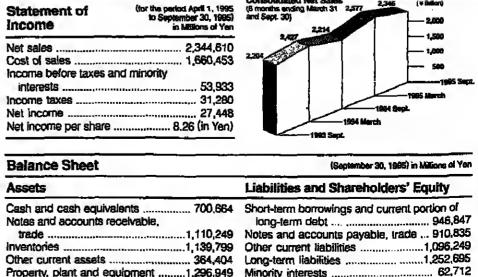
Kocher now being circulated among computer security experts describes a type of potential attack - not yet seen outside the lab - in which a skilled criminal using only a good desktop PC could figure out the mathematical keys in only a few minutes.

Doing so might enable a network snooper to steal a consumer's computer banking deposit, siphon off a credit card number, read personal medical records or otherwise pilfer private data.

The newly discovered vul-

nerability does not affect various forms of private encryption technology between individuals or institutions communicating only with parties known to them. Rather, it is the electronic systems for use by members of the public. Experts who have read the

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Very briefly:

 Venezuela's bolivar is being devalued 41.4 percent, to 290 to the dollar, Finance Minister Luis Raul Matos Azôcar said.

 AT&T Corp. said it had won the support of Africa's mostly state-owned communications companies for a \$2.6 billion fiberoptic system intended to cover all nations in the continent.

 Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. plans to take a fourth-quarter restructuring charge of \$250 million to \$300 million as it continues to reduce costs. The company also said it sought to raise total pharmaceutical sales by 11 percent in 1996, to \$7.8 billion.

•Canada has introduced legislation banning all tobucco advertising, despite a Supreme Court decision in September striking down restrictions on tobacco promotion.

Weekend Box Office

LOS ANGELES — "Toy Story" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$13.5 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday's ticket sales and estimated sales for Saturday and Sunday.

The Associated Press

1. Toy Stary	(Disney)	573.5 m as an
2. Father of the Bride Part II	(Touchstone)	STT A million
3. Goldeneve	(United Artists)	\$5.2 million
A. Casino	(Universal)	\$3.7 ttellion
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Ace Ventura; When Nature Calls	(Warner Bros.)	\$3.3 million
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B. Get Shorty	United Artists	S1.05 million
9. tile) it Takes Two	Warner Bros.	5900,000
Nick of Time	(Paramount)	\$900,000

Dogfight in Corporate Jet Market

By Adam Bryant New York Times Service

model of civility, catering to customers who after the first Gulfstream V. But the fight the conversation, and he later passed on preferred to be stirred, not shaken, by sales- for orders has started.

But that was before Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. and Bombardier Inc. decided to invest about \$1 billion between them in new high-end planes - each of which cost about \$35 million, use the same eogines and can whisk passengers from New York to Tokyp in about 14 hours. nonstop.

With stakes this high, products this sim-With stakes this high, products this similar, and with only several bundred potential customers worldwide, the two companies you about a global business aircraft, ask to have abandoned their sense of decorum in

favor of more aggressive tactics. "The volume is definitely higher." said Aaron Hollander, managing director of aerospace industry. "You've got some very competitive people on both sides."

A lot of ego is on the line, not to mention hundreds of millions in development costs. Theodore Forstmann, general partner of Forstmann Little & Co. and chairman of Gulfstream, is out to prove he did not stumble by buying Gulfstream from Chrysler Corp. in 1990 for \$850 million and, since then, investing about \$300 mil-

lion in the new Gulfstream V. leading manufacturer of top-of-the-line each time their efforts lead to a sale.

corporate jets, and is investing about \$800 million in its plane, the Global Express.

The corporate jet business used to be the delivered until the fall of 1997, about a year

Bombardier ran two two-page advertisements in The Wall Street Journal in September declaring that its plane would fly faster and have a roomier cabin.

Gulfstream answered with its own twoplane would be delivered to its first customer next fall, the Global Express in its ordered two Gulfstream IV's. rival's ad was nothing more than a mock-

see it," the ad said.

And Gulfstream then ran an ad touting the first test flight of the Gulfstream V on Nov. 28, and managed to work in another First Equity Development, a Stamford, dig at Bombardier. "Even if you had a Connecticut, investment bank for the choice in global aircraft," it said, "this

would be it. Of course, advertisements alone do oot sell planes. Industry executives say they typically approach pilots and flight-department managers with a technical sales pitch, but also try to convince the people signing the check that they need a plane, or a newer model, in the first place.

To help his salespeople gain access to the executive suite, Mr. Forstmann has also deputized members of his board to use a bit Bombardier, a \$6 billion manufacturer of peer influence. He has given each board of everything from subway cars to snow- member a Gulfstream model, and sends mobiles, wants to replace Guifstream as the along a star to affix to the model's wings

Thomas Bell, president of Burson Marsteller and a Gulfstream director, said The first Global Express will not be that after shooting pheasants in England recently, he worked the Gulfstream V into two guests' names to Gulfstream.

And when Drew Lewis, the chairman of Union Pacific Corp., who also sits on the boards of Gulfstream and Ford, learned that Ford was in the market for new aircraft, he put in a good word for Gulfstream, and page advertisement noting that although its had the pilots of Union Pacific's two Gulfstreams talk to Ford's pilots. Ford recently

Other Gulfstream owners include Sumoer Redstone of Viacom, Rupert Murdoch of News Corp., Edgar Bronfman Jr. of Seagram, Oprah Winfrey and Bill Cosby. For its part, Bombardier said it preferred

a more analytical style to selling. "Playing golf with people is oot an active part of the sales approach," said John Lawson, president of the Bombardier business aircraft division.

Since the relative merits of each plane may oot be obvious at first glance, Gulfstream and Bombardier have started spinning and counterspinning with enough enthusiasm to serve as a warm-up act for a presidential campaign.

There are some very distinctive differences that neither of them are hiding,' said Wilson Leach, publisher of Aviation International News.

Global Express executives, for instance, noted that their cabin was taller and wider than the G-V's. Mr. Forstmann said that Gulfstream's trademark large oval windows lend a much more roomy feel.

ment's commitment to budget reform.

talk Prime Minister Alain Juppé was giving

in, "which from an investor's standpoint

isn't good, especially since the market gave

him such a strong slap on the back last

week" for standing firm against union demands, said Karl Halligan, a trader at

Against other currencies, the dollar was

quoted at 1,1690 Swiss francs, up slightly

from 1.1680 francs, and at 4.9859 French

francs, down from 4,9865 francs. The

CIC Bank in New York.

Oil Issues Lead Market Higher on Rates Optimism

Compiled by Our Suff From Disputches rates as soon as next Tuesday.

In late trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was up cause prices to fall. 21.68 points at 5,178.54, with advancing issues leading decliners by a small margin on the Big Board.

Most other indexes also gained, including the technol-ogy-heavy Nasdaq composite

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and the broad-based Standard & Poor's 500.

With no new economic re-ports to influence the market, investors focused on whether the Fed would cut rates at the next meeting of its policy-making Open Markets Committee. While recent economic re-

ports have painted a slowing economy, fueling hopes for a rate cut, much rides on the producer price index report due

Tuesday.
"Will the Fed goose things up on the 19th is the question everyone is asking," said Larry Wachtel of Prudential Securities. "The market has factored in a rate cut and if the Fed does not make a move, the market will react."

soon to keep the economy growing. The Fed last cut the rate banks charge each other Bonds gained on the rate for overnight loans to 5.75 percent in July. speculation, with the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond In other trading, the French franc slipped gaining 6/32 in late trading, to against the mark on concern that widespread 111 15/32. That pushed its yield strikes would erode the French governdown to 6.04 percent from 6.05 The French franc came under attack on percent on Friday.

As temperatures dropped and oil prices hit a six-month high, oil issues paced blue chips higher, Exxon, Chevron, Mobil, Amoco and Texaco were all trading in record territory. Despite the higher oil prices, airlines and automakers also

But those gains were partially offset by losses in paper stocks. Merrill Lynch lowered

its opinion for International Pa-NEW YORK - Stock prices per and Georgia-Pacific, rose Monday as expectations among others, amid concern grew that the Federal Reserve that increased production to Board would lower interest take advantage of high prices will eventually flood the market with too much product and

One of the most actively. traded stocks was Maybelline, which rose sharply on the news that L'Oréal of France had agreed to buy the cosmetics maker.

Among technology issues, Compag Computer stock rose after an analyst at CS First Boston raised his rating on the company, amid expectations that overseas demand for computers

would help profits.

Shares in Bristol-Myers Squibb fell after it said it would take a restructuring charge of atleast \$250 million. The drugmaker said it would seek to better integrate divisions and close some facilities.

Champion International stock fell after an analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co. downgraded his rating on the shares. Citrix Systems shares continued to rise sharply in their second day of trading. The maker of servers - computers that drive networks -- saw its

shares double from the initial

offering price of \$15 Friday. Continuum, a software company, said it agreed to acquire Hogan Systems in a stock-swaptransaction valued at about. \$230 million. Continuum shares fell, while Hogan stock

Microwave Power Devices shares rose sharply after the maker of power amplifiers said it won a \$20.3 million contract to produce and supply amplifiers for use in satellite com-

munications systems. Kellogg fell after Goldman -Sachs removed the cereal maker from its "recommend list" and downgraded it to "moderate outperform.

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Dollar Doldrums: Waiting for Rate Cuts

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK - The dollar was little changed Monday against other major currencies as investors were reluctant to make pectations last week when he said the dollar big bets on its direction before mocetary policy meetings in Germany and the Unit-

The Bundesbank's policy-making coun-cil meets Thursday, while Federal Reserve Board policymakers meet Dec. 19. Many analysts say they expect both to lower nterest rates soon.

The market is waiting to see whether currency trading at Bank Leumi Trust Co.

DM, little changed from 1.4465 DM on

101.25 yen on Friday.

Hans Tietmeyer, the president of the Bundesbank, fueled German rate cut exwas too weak against the mark. He called

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the German currency's rise this year "not favorable." and said the dollar was still at "inappropriate" level against the an

"It's an interest rate play now, and oothe Bundesbank will give it a Christmas body knows for sure what's going to hap-present." said Hillel Waxman, manager of pen." said Dave Glowacki, senior currency trader at NBD Bank in Detroit. "We just have to wait."

Recent signs of a slowdown in the United States have also raised expectations that the Friday, and at 101.10 yea, compared with Federal Reserve will lower interest rates pound rose to \$1.5345 from \$1.5340.

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Bleak Forecast Sends Shares in Usinor to a Low

PARIS - Shares in Usinor-Sacrior SA, Europe's largest steelmaker, fell to a record low Monday after it said that secand half profit would be below that in the first half and painted a bleak picture for the early months of 1996.

Usinor shares fell to 67.00 French francs (\$13.42) before recovering to close at 67.95 francs, down 5.2. The previous lowest closing price for the recently privatized company had been 70.1 francs on Nov. 6.

"It's certainly the bad news of the day," said Ingrid Beliard, a trader at the securities house Kleinwort Benson France.

. Usinor shares are trading at more than 20 percent below the company's mitial-offer price of 86 francs a share, set for individual shareholders in July. The sale of the French gov-

Mobilfunk Predicts a Sales Surge

Bloomberg Business News DUSSELDORF - Mannesmann Mobilfink GmbH, the mobile phone unit of Mannesmann AG, said Monday it expected 1995 sales to rise 55 percent, to 2.7 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.87 billion).

Jürgen von Knezkowski, the unit's chief executive, attributed the expected surge in sales to the company's reduction in monthly service charges, which began in

May,
"With our new pricing structure, we are totally in the hlack," Mr. von Kuczkowski

He did not say whether the company expected to post a

Mobilfunk Mannesmann recorded a net profit of 203.1 million DM in 1994, its first merger with Ugine. Nine shares full-year profit. The company operates Germany's largest private mobile phone network.

ernment's 80 percent stake in Usinor was the first state asset sale by Prime Minister Alain Juppé's government.

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About 1.5 million shares changed hands on Monday, more than double the company's three-month average daily volume of 700,000 shares, making it the third most-active

issue in Paris trading. In the first half of this year, Usinor reported net income of 2.36 billion francs, including a 330-million franc charge for retirement benefits.
At an extraordinary share-

holders meeting to vote on Usinor's planned merger with its stainless-steel unit Ugine SA, Francis Mer, Usinor's chairman, said the company planned to cut back production as customers worked down their high stockpiles of steel, which were hurting revenue.

"November and December will be down both on turnover and results," he said.

Noting that Usinor was a prime customer of the strikeplagued Prench national railway, Mr. Mer said second-half sales were being hurt by the strike, now three weeks old. He said high inventories would continue to eat into sales during the first few months of next

Mr. Mer added that while prices for steel and steel prodncts sold under long-term con-tracts remained high, those for other products would be lower

than in the past few months.

Jean-Marc Buchet, an analyst at the French brokerage Leven, said: "According to the official statements, we were on an upward trend. And now we have a downgrade. That's disappointing. It's the first time that we hear a cyclical company. saying this."

Ghislain Garczynski, an analyst at CCF Elysées Bourse, said he expected Usinor to suffer badly from the strike.

shareholders had approved the of Usinor are to be exchanged for every two shares of Ugine. "Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Computer Makers Bet on Europe Saturation of U.S. Market Puts Focus on the Continent

By John Tagliabue
New York Times Service

ROME - Mario Tronco paid \$2,100 six months ago for a personal computer that he hooks up to a 48-track digital recording system to produce mesmerizing keyboard music for his band, Avion Travel. When Mr. Tronco is not composing, his wife uses the computer, a simple IBM clone, for her translation business.

Growing up two decades ago in Caserta. a workeday town outside Naples, the musician, 32, attended schools with no com-"Computers?" The idea made him

langh. "They didn't have central heat-ing," he recalled. But his cousin's 5-year-old son, Nicola, growing up in Caserta today, "turns the family computer on and off, perfectly at ease," Mr. Tronco said. The bets of Europe's computer industry are riding on the likes of Nicola. With improvement in European economies in the last year or two, sales of personal computers have boomed, growing at rates of 25 percent to 30 percent in each of the first three quarters of this year, after years of erratic growth.

and the United States flood the market with fancier and cheaper machines intended to woo computer-shy Europeans.

The European divisions of American companies are getting their share of the action. Compaq Computer Corp. and International Business Machines Corp. are the No. 1 and No. 2 suppliers, and Apple Computer Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Dell Computer Corp. rank in the top 10.

Europe's manufacturers are struggling hard against the American assault. Siemens Nixdorf Informationssystem AG and Escom AG, in which the German industrial giant Siemens AG holds a 10 percent stake, have had to slash prices to increase their share of the market.

The personal-computer division of Olivetti SpA of Italy posted a loss of \$162 million last year, and though it is fighting back with a new home-computer system called Envision, some analysts fear it may be the price war's first casualty.

What fuels the hopes of PC companies is that far fewer Europeans than Americans own home computers. Nearly four in 10 American households have a computer, but Europe is another story. Feeding the boom is a fierce price war,

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as computer makers from Europe, Japan under 20 percent of homes have a computer, about the same percentage as in Britain, In France, only 15 percent of households have a personal computer.

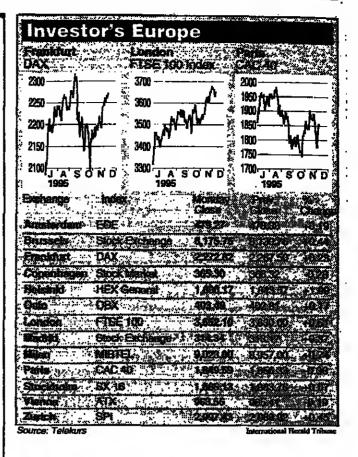
As the rate of increase in the sale of home computers begins to slow in the United States, the companies that make them are spending millions to convince Europeans that their future, and their children's, should have a computer in it.

They have learned that with computers, as with most other consumer products, the cost of having one is greater in Europe than in the United States. Fewer Europeans than Americans are exposed to computers in schools, and fewer use them at work. Computer-related products such as CD-ROMs and on-line services cost much more in Europe than in the United States.

Computers "are still quite high-ticket items for every household to have one," said Charles Smulders, who follows the personal-computer market for Dataquest inc., a London-based market research 'Yes, penetration of the market is firm. higher in the United States, so the opportunity is here in Europe." But, he added, there may always be a gap between the American enthusiasm for com-

If the Scottish Power and

North West Water deal suc-



Very briefly:

•Sweden lowered its 1996 public-sector borrowing requirement to between 60 billion and 70 billion kronor (\$9.04 billion to \$10.54 billion) from between 70 billion and 80 billion kronor, because of the strength of the krona and lower market interest rates.

•Belgium's current-account surplus widened to 229 billion Belgian francs (\$7.72 billion) in the first half from 169 billion a year earlier. The revised 1994 current-account surplus was 431 billion francs, compared with 417 billion in 1993.

•Italian new-car registrations rose 12.4 percent in November from a year earlier, to 149,600; new registrations for the 11 months to November rose 1.33 percent from a year ago.

•British producer output prices rose 0.2 percent in November from October, and a lower-than-expected 4.3 percent on the year. Input prices, paid by manufacturers for raw materials, fell 0.1 percent on the month and rose 6.2 percent on the year.

•French consumer prices rose between 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent in November from October, and between 1.9 percent and 2.0 percent over 12 months, provisional figures indicated.

 Norway's consumer price index fell 0.1 percent in November from October, bringing the November year-on-year inflation rate

 The European Commission has cleared the merger between PARIS - Moulinex SA more than halved its loss in its first half RTZ Corp. of Britain and CRA Ltd. of Australia into the on lower interest expenses and a one-time gain, the household world's largest mining company.

> Thyssen Handelsunion AG's chairman-designate, Hans Jakob Zimmermann, has left the company after admitting he had his house renovated free of charge by various building companies; Mr. Zimmermann was scheduled to become chairman in March. ABB Daimler-Benz Transportation's chief executive designate, Kaare Vagner, said he expected the Swiss-German joint venture to post 1996 sales of 3.5 billion European Currency Units

(\$4.54 billion) and receive orders of 5 billion Ecus.

•ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. expects annual sales in Asia to double to \$14 billion by the 2000 from \$7 billion currently; the company hopes to raise East European sales to more than \$3 billion annually from \$1.5 billioo presently. AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters

2 U.K. Utilities to Sell National Grid Stakes

LONDON — North West Water Group PLC and Scottish Power PLC said Monday that they were selling most of their interest in the electricity trans-mission company. National Grid Group PLC.

The two companies said they would sell a total of nearly 11 percent of National Grid, which was the most active stock on the London exchange in its first day of public trading. The shares belonged to Manweb PLC, which was acquired by Scottish Power, and Norweb PLC, acquired by North West Water. The two buyers were re-

quired to sell the Grid stakes within a year. North West Water wants to sell up to 100 million shares and

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Scottish Power wants to sell up to 81 million shares in an offering to investors set to close Separately, Usinor said its by noon Tuesday. The sale, which is being co-ordinated by UBS Ltd. and the Kleinwort Benson unit of Dres-

the price set by the brokers. Robin Henshall of UBS said. North West Water and Scottish Power each will retain "a few million shares" to offset potential obligations to the small number of remaining Manweb and Norweb in-

vestors, the executive director for corporate finance added. The stakes up for sale are worth £379.2 million (\$581.2 million), based on the closing price of Grid shares, 209.5 pence, up 0.5 penny. Scottish Power shares closed

down 1 penny at 367 pence, while North West Water shares rose 4 pence, to 589 pence. National Grid is the owner and operator of the high-volt-

age transmission network in England and Wales, Stocks in the company were shared by the 12 formerly state-owned regional electricity companies. Those companies are either selling their Grid shares on the exchange or passing them to

shareholders. ..

panies have already spun off 908 million shares, or 53.7 percent of ceeds, the Grid's two largest the company, to shareholders. remaining stockholders will be Shares of those seven com-Eastern Group PLC, now owned by Hanson PLC, and

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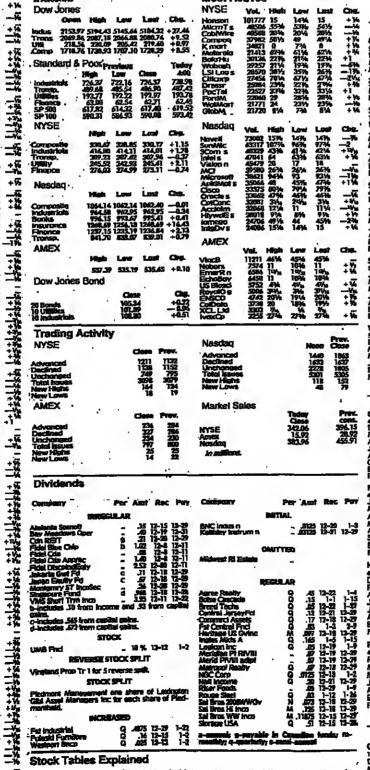
panies fell sharply, reflecting their loss of the value of the Grid. Northern Electric PLC led the

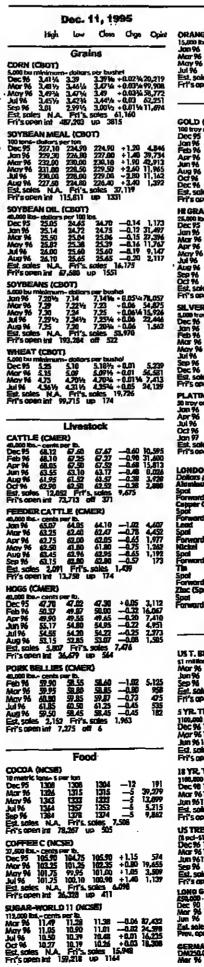
Southern Electric PLC, which is the target of a takeover hid by decliners, falling 340 pence to National Power PLC. Moulinex Halves Its Loss

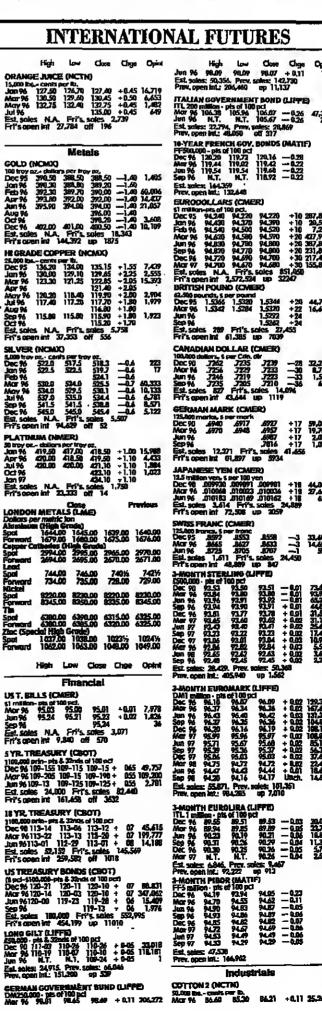
appliance maker said Monday, despite a drop in sales. The French company reported a 121 million-franc (\$24.2 million) loss through September, against 259 million francs in the like period of 1994. The results included an exceptional gain of 52 million francs, compared with an exceptional charge of 77 million While new products made up 30 percent of turnover and while

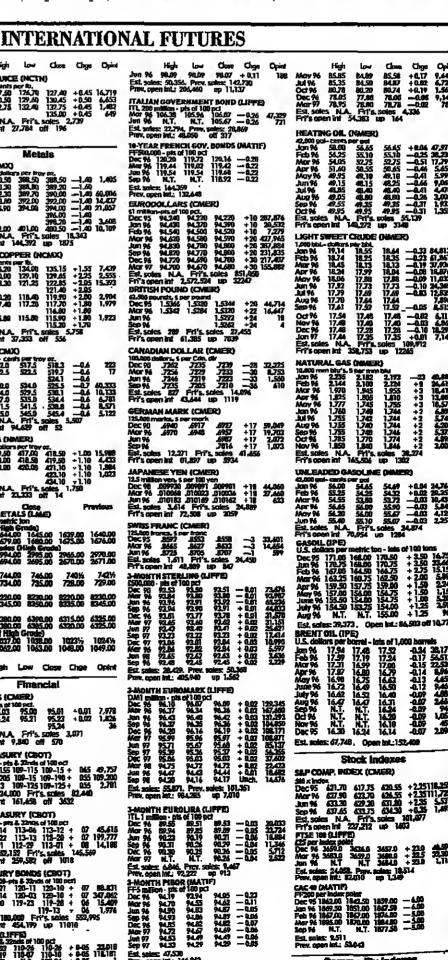
sales were stronger in November against November 1994, revenue for the half fell 4 percent, to 3.28 billion francs, the company said. Moulinex said increases in its raw material costs had tapered off, but it expressed "large uncertainties" about European consumer spending and currency fluctuations. Moulinex shares closed down 8 francs, at 77.5 francs. (Reuters, AFX Bloomberg)

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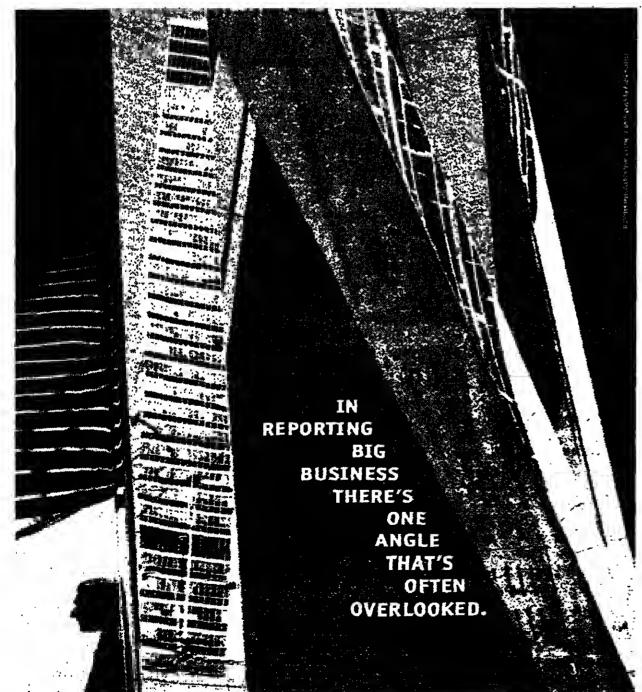
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Foster's, in Foray . Into Wine, Bids For Mildara Blass

Blamberg Business News

day it would make a takeover brewing unit, Courage Ltd., for offer of 482 million Australian 1.2 billion dollars. dollars (\$355 millioo) for the winemaker Mildara Blass Ltd., its first earnest move into the and the wine industry, but there wine sector.

cash per ordinary share, against Mildara's closing share price of 6.35 dollars on Friday.

Mildara shares rose 1,50 dollars on Monday to close at 7.85 would be a competing bid. The news lifted the share

prices of other winemakers on speculation of further takeover

Foster's, whose only link to the wine industry bas been a small marketing interest, has

Packer Wants Unit Of Wilson

WELLINGTON Kerry Packer's Australian Consolidated Press Holdings Ltd. has sought clearance from the New Zealand Commerce Commission to buy the assets of the magazine division of Wilson & Horton Ltd., the commission said Monday.

The unit publishes the Listener and New Zealand Women's Weekly.

Vince Cholewa, a spokesman for the commission, sald a ruling was due by Dec. 19.

Wilson & Horton, which publishes the New Zealand Herald newspaper, is 44 percent owned by Independent Newspapers PLC of Ireland and by interests associated with its chief, Tony O'Reilly.

In May, Independent Newspapers' had purchased a 28.3 percent stake in Wilson & Horton for 293 million New Zealand dollars (\$188.9 million).

Independent Newspapers has a variety of publishing interests located in Europe, South Africa and Australia.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

been in a position to make a MELBOURNE - Foster's sizable acquisition since the Brewing Group Ltd. said Mon-sale in August of its British

"There are differences between our existing businesses is also much common ground," Australia's largest brewer said Foster's chief executive, said it would offer 7.75 dollars in Ted Kunkel. "Success for both depends on a comprehensive understanding of the adult bev-

erage consumer Foster's said it would use its capital base and marketing dollars, arnid speculation there muscle around the world to help the Australian wine industry reach its aim of increasing its share of world wine exports to 5 percent by 2010 from 2 percent currently.

The brewing group said it would fund the acquisition through debt. Its debt-to-equity ratio will rise to about 38 percent from 22 percent, the company said.

Money managers and analysts said they were not surprised by the bid because speculation had been rampant that Foster's would pounce on one of Australia's winemakers. Mildara's labels include Wolf Blass, Mildara and Yellowglen. It has 4 percent of the Australian wine market by volume and 25

percent of the premium market. Analysts said the bid made sense because it was in a business related to brewing and was expected to be bullish for Foster's earnings per share in the second year after acquisition.

"This is seen as a fairly good move for Foster's, as it fits in with their current business," said Russell McKimm, an analyst at the brokerage D&D

Tolhurst in Sydney.
Foster's shares closed 6 cents higher, at 2.18 dollars on Monday, while shares in Broken Hill Ptv., which owns 37 percent of Foster's, rose 24 cents, to close at 18.98 dollars.

Some traders raised the possibility of a competing bid.
"The question is, does it stop here?" said Peter Mason, a client adviser at the securities house Austock Brokers. "Does someone come over the top of Foster's? Does someone make a move into another wine pro-

ducer?"

China to Ease Foreigner Ban

BEIJING — A ban on foreign interests buying nonlisted shares of Chinese companies is not permanent, the China Securities Regulatory Commission said on Monday.

The commission, which serves as China's watchdog, said that the prohibition was only temporary, while the state drafts new

rules for such investors.

Beijing hanned purchases by foreign interests in October after Isuzu Motors Ltd. and Itochu Corp. announced in August that they had jointly acquired a 25 percent stake in Beijing Light Bus Co., a company listed in Shanghai.

The move gave the Japanese partners control over the Beijing vehicle maker, the first case of such dominance in a listed Chinese

company by foreigners and provoked controversy in state and

Much position-adjustment selling emerged today, pushing down the index," one broker said. "Such selling is expected to continue in the next few days, possibly leading the index to hit new

But brokers said there was no panic selling despite weak sentiment after the market had lost ground for months. "Market fundamentals did not change much after today's fall," a second

Meanwhile, Shanghai's B share index dropped 0.226 of a point,

Other analysts played down that possibility. "I think this is a pretty highly priced bid, and I would think it is unlikely that anyone will come over the top," said Greg Matthews, top," said Greg Matthews, head of equity trading at Mer-cantile Mutual, which is a shareholder in Mildara.

A Privatization Puts India on Hold

Opposition Shuts Down Parliament Over Telecom Bid

NEW DELHI - The unexpectedly large bid by an Indian-Israeli-Thai consortium to operate telephone services disrupted India's Parliament for the fourth consecutive session on Monday as opposition politicians charged the communications minister with corruption and demanded his resignation.

"Stop corruption; this is what the country wants," legislators from the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party and the United Left chanted in Hindi, causing both houses of Parliament to adjourn.

The lawmakers were attacking Telecommunications Minister Sukh Ram, who is overseeing the privatization of India's telecommunications sector. They said he personally profited by mishandling a tender to award licenses to local and foreign companies to run basic phone

Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd., a company from Mr. Ram's home state of Himachal Pradesh, led a consortium that bid nearly 850 billion rupees (\$24.41 billion) to operate in nine of 20 areas of India. The HFCL Bezek Telecom Ltd. consortium also includes Bezek Israel Telecommunication Corp., Shinawatra International Public Corp. of Thailand and two other Indian companies.

The government had been expecting a bid of only about \$20 billion.

SEOUL -- Shares closed sharply lower Mon-

nsung Electronics Co., on news reports in-

day, pulled down by electronics shares, notably

dicating declines in memory chip prices, dealers

"The gloomy prospects of the international semiconductor industry have led investors to bid

down shares in electronics companies, which

were very strong last week," said Park Yong Ho,

The Korea Composite Price Index declined

In Saturday's half-day session, the index rose

The index was led down by Samsung Elec-

tronics, which fell its limit of 9,500 won

(\$12.34), to close at 153,500, despite the an-

nouncement it had developed the prototype cir-

cuit design for the most powerful one-gigabil

Samsung also said its sales in 1996 were ex-

pected to total about 20 trillion won, against an

an analyst at LG Securities Co.

memory chip.

15.12 points, or 1.6 percent, 10 947.75.

4.25 points. or 0.4 percent, to 962.87.

After the tenders, Mr. Ram limited the tracted interest from outside investors number of regional licenses that any single bidder could win to three. Some opposition leaders have said he did so because the HFCL lacked sufficient financing for its bid. He also allowed the consortium to choose which three of the nine zones it would operate in.

Bezek has said it expects to enlist other phone companies and financial institutions to pay its share of the consortium expenses because Israeli rules prohibit the state-owned company from investing more than 100 million shekels (\$32.4 million) on any foreign project.

Mr. Ram has denied any irregularities in the bidding process, but critics have also argued that Himachal lacks the experience to operate the phone system. The ruling Congress (1) Party said Mr.

Ram would not step down. "The opposition is creating an issue where none exists, with purely an eye on elections." a spokesman for the party said of the Parliament protests. General elections are due in 1996.

What they want is a trial without an opportunity for the other side to state its case," be said. "It is the very name of injustice."

India, in line with economic reforms started four years ago, has opened up basic and cellular telephone services to the private sector, a move that has at-

Despite the bullishness, "uncertainty about

the global chip market hit Samsung shares," a

Dongsuh Securities broker said.
"Samsung's announcement failed to give a boost to the depressed market," said Park Chan

Yup, analyst at Hyundai Securities. Semiconductor analysts have said demand for memory

chips would slow in years to come.

The Electronics Times, a leading high-tech

daily in Seoul, reported Saturday that prices for 4-

negabyte dynamic random-access memory, or

D-RAM chips are expected to fall to betweeo \$11 and \$12 from between \$3 and \$15 because of

falling demand. In turn, 16-megabyte D-RAM prices are seen falling to between \$45 and \$50.

Shares in large exporters also fell on concern

that exports will slow next year amid a weaker

ucts, hurting their Korean competitors.

LG Electronics Co., a unit of LG Group, declined 800, to 28,100. LG Electronics is the

largest shareholder of LG Semican Co., one of

(AFX, Bloomberg)

The church is Byzantine.

yen that lowers export prices of Japanese prod-

the paper said.

estimated 16.2 trillion won this year. Samsung the top 10 semiconductor producers in the Electronics' sales were 11.5 trillion won in 1994. (AFX, Bhomberg)

Chips Pull Down Korea Stocks

and telecommunications companies.

Some Congress legislators have said privately they were angry that the dispute could affect their re-election chances. The Council of States, or upper house, was adjourned Friday after ruling party members stayed away, apparently to

avoid being associated with Mr. Ram. Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao met with Mr. Ram twice over the weekend, and the telecommunications minister said that any move to set up a parliamentary inquiry, an opposition demand, would send the wrong signal to both local and foreign investors.

The government offered to show documeots relating to the case to opposition leaders, but they refused, saying the material would be insufficient.

The parliameotary furor is a boon to the Bharatiya Janata, the largest opposition party, which has made corruption in government a key campaign issue.

United Left legislators were reported to be planning to shift the focus of their questioning to Bezek. The Israeli company holds a 26 percent stake in coosortium, and United Left is keen to extend its support among the 100 million Muslim minority in India

Shinwatra, the Thai company, has a 16 percent stake in the consortium, (AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

China Steel Sets

Investment Plan

TAIPEI — China Steel

Corp., Taiwan's largest steel-

maker, plans to invest 1 billion

president, said on Monday.

"Our board meeting just passed the proposal, authoriz-

invest in various manufacturing

industry," he said. But it has no

plans to invest in the financial

operations in 1996, he said.

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Very briefly:

Investor's Asia

•Larsen & Toubro Ltd., one of India's leading engineering and construction companies, said it would invest \$285.7 million in power projects over the next five years in a joint venture with Sargent & Lundy, a Chicago-based industrial concern.

• HSBC Ltd. plans to form a subsidiary called HSBC Insurance (Asia-Pacific) Holdings Ltd., which will conduct the group's insurance business in the Asian-Pacific region.

•South Korea said it would allow foreigners to invest up to 33 percent in joint-venture telecommunications projects with local partners, beginning in 1998: foreigners are currently allowed to hold up to 15 percent of a listed company's equity capital, with a single foreign individual's ownership limited to 3 percent.

•Mandarin Oriental International Ltd., a Hong Kong-based hotel concern, said it had leased land in Bagan, Burma, on which it planned to build a \$23 million hotel,

Taiwan dollars (\$36.6 million) Kuhn Sondhi Limthongkul, a Thai media tycoon wbo last to set up an investmeot comweek launched an English-language regional business daily, the pany to diversify its invest-Asia Tunes, said he was considering starting an Asian television ments, Chung Leh-ming, vice

• CMS Energy Corp., the independent U.S. power concern, said it planned to invest over \$1 billion, or a third of its capital ing the planned new firm to expenses, in Asia over the next five years. •The Karachi Stock Exchange suspended trading for a second

consecutive day because of thin attendance caused by a strike called by the ethnic Mohajir National Movement. Sbanghai-Volkswagen Automotive Co.'s Santana sedan has

The new company is expect-ed to be established and start achieved a domestic market share of 46.2 percent in China this year, the official Xinhua news agency reported. Taiwan said it had approved \$2.28 billion of incoming foreign China Steel was privatized in investment in the first 11 months of 1995, an increase of 60 April, and analysts have said

percent over the like period in 1994. (Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

ITC's Chairman-Elect

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CALCUTTA — Shares of ITC Ltd. fell five rupees (14 cents), to close at 249 rupees on the Bombay bourse on Monday, after the weekend announcement that the diver-

sified tobacco company had elected a new chairman.

The company's board appointed its vice chairman, Y. C.

take time to get on the right track under the new leader." The spokesman said the market did not expect any further sig-

The British tobacco company BAT Industries PLC, which holds a 31.67 percent stake in ITC, had opposed the appointment of Mr. Deveshwar but said it would continue to

ITC, a BAT spokesman said...

Indian newspapers have recently reported differences between ITC and BAT over who should lead the company after Mr. Chugh's retirement. Some reports said that BAT wanted one of its own senior executives to take over.

but he stayed on with the help of support from Indian financial institutions that own nearly 37 percent of ITC. In retaliation, analysts said, BAT blocked ITC's moves to invest sig-

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

Greeted By Share Slide

Devestwar, to the post of chairman, replacing K. L. Chugh, who will retire at the end of this month.

"The change is going to be good for ITC in the long run." a local broker said. "But in the short run, the company may

nificant fall in ITC's share price.

support any future projects for ITC that it deemed financially sound and not detrimental to the company.

"BAT continues to be interested in the well-being" of

Mr. Chugh's tenure as chairman saw bitter feuding between ITC and BAT. The British concern alleged financial irregularities in the international-trading division of ITC.

BAT had also wanted Mr. Chugh to quit earlier this year.

nificantly in India's power sector.

EDF Seeks Stake In Power Plant In Eastern China

all-time lows."

party circles over sales of state assets.

or 0.45 percent, to a record low of 49.492 points.

BEIJENG - Electricité de France is negotiating with Chinese investors for a stake in a \$1 94 billion power plant project, the China Daily reported

The French power company is expected to hold a 20 percent share in a 3,000-megawan Shiheng thermal power project in the castern province of Shandong, it quoted company executives as saying.

The signal should be signed in 1990, but the exact timing is : unclear, the newspaper quoted Jean-Mare Delebarre, manag-ing director of EDF's Beijing

office, as saying.

The Chinese partners Shandong Electric Power Corp. and Shandong International Trust. & Investment Corp. will hold a total 51 percent share, the report China Light & Power will hold

29 neterra. The first phase of the project s afready under construction with funds from Shandong Electric, the newspaper said. The report gave no further details

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON MINISTRY OF ITY DRAULIC & ELECTRICAL RESOURCES COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION NATIONAL EMERGENCY RECOVERY PROGRAMME WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SECTORS Amendment to the Previous lovitation for Tenders Published in Oct. 95 Contract Nº 1850

Rehabilitation of Water Supply & Wastewater Systems in Baalbeck and Nahi Chit
The Republic of Lebanon has received funding from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) towards part of the cost of the contract for rehabilitation of Baalbeck and Nahi Chit Water supply and Wastewater Systems in the Bekan valley.

Contractors who have already implemented similar projects are invited to apply and will be subject to post qualification according to criteria to be stated in the bidding documents. The works consist of the following: A. Water Supply Works

Rehabilitation and extension of the water systems in Baalbeck city and the immediate surroundings and in Nabi Chit, including drilling and development of wells, construction of reservoirs, pumping stations and transmission and distribution mains. Indicative scope of works is as follows: Drift and equip 21 boreholes, 350m deep.

 Install chlorisation & pumping equipment.
 Install chlorisation & pumping equipment.
 Procure, lay or rehabilitate 60 km of dectile iron transmission pipelines & 85km of distribution Construct or rehabilitate 23 reservoirs of various sizes (50m3 to 6000m3) capacity.

B. Wastewater Works D. YERSEKWARET TO BE STREET OF AC and GRP sewers in Basilbeck city and the immediate surrounding, ranging in size from 200mm to 600mm diameter. The bidding documents, including Addendum No. 1, will be available for collection at CDR offices against the Sum of USS /1000/ in the form of a banker's certified check in the name of the Cooncil for ngames and Reconstruction starting Wednesday 29/11/1995 and are to be returned before twelve Development and recommend before the on Monday 8/1/1996 at the following address: The Council for

Development and Reconstruction - Tallet Al-Serall, Beirut, Lebanon. The main amendments to the original tender documents, forwarded in Addendum No. 1, are : a Turnover requirements changed to \$ 100M over the past five years

Experience requirement : successful completion of one similar project within the past five years. Experience requirement is accommon to one similar project within the past five years.
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Hashan Tillakaratne celebrates scoring a century for Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Goes Down

CRICKET Sri Lanka made 330 in its second innings of its test match against Australia in Perth, but still lost an inning and 36 runs. Shane Warne took three more wickets for Australia to take his test total over

Meanwhile Sri Lanka began official attempts to repudiate its conviction for ball tampering in the match, submitting a two-page report the In-ternational Cricket Council. (Reuters)

Twins Re-sign Aguilera

BASEBALL The Minnesota Twins signed pitcher Rick Aguilera, the club's career saves leader, to a \$9 million, three-year contract Tuesday.

The Twins traded Aguilera to the Boston Red Sox in July for two prospects. But at the end of the season the Red Sox chose not to offer Aguilera salary arbitration, enabling the Twins to sign him without compen-

Strikers Unwilling to Share

BASEBALL Only one of the 17 players who started the season as strike replacements and then made it onto a major-league roster was voted a share of the postseason money by team-

David Pavla pitched 53/3 innings over four games for the New York Yankees. His teammates voted him a

Rick Reed was voted nothing by \$1,500 check by the Reds owner, Marge Schott. Reed pitched 17 innings over four games for the Reds, including three starts.

Mali Withdraws From Cup

SOCCER Mali withdrew from the 1998 World Cup qualifying competition Monday, 24 hours before the

•The French government on Monday backed and granted visas to Nigerian delegates for the World Cup draw Tuesday in Paris in the face of threats from FIFA, world soccer's governing body, to take undisclosed action against the French.

 Two Yugoslavs, Darko Kovacevic and Dejan Stefanovic, were granted work permits by English authorities on Wednesday, seven weeks after being signed by Sheffield for £4 miltion (\$6.14 million). Both played for Red Star Belgrade. (Reuters)

WORLD ROUNDUP Steelers March On While Raiders Slide

The Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Steelers won their seventh straight and tagged the Raiders with their fourth straight loss in Oakland, 29-10.

Billy Joe Hobert made his first start for the Raiders in place of the injured Jeff Hostetler and the ineffective Vince Evans. But was just as ineffective, throwing four

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interceptions. "I guess you start at the bottom of the barrel in the NFL," he said. Neil O'Donnell threw scoring passes of 37 and 14 yards to Ernie Mills in the first half and Norm Johnson kicked five field goals for the Steelers.

Seahawks 21, Broncos 27 Glyn Milburn accumulated a record 404 yards for Denver, but the Broncos lost at home to Seattle.

The Seahawks' backup quarterback, John Friesz, threw two touchdown passes in the final 4:10 and Seattle remained in playoff contention by rallying from a 20-0

Milburn carried 18 times for 131 yards, caught five passes for 45 yards, returned five kickoffs for 133 yards and returned

five punts for 95 yards.

Gianta 20, Redskins 13 Rodney Hampton made the needed yard on a fourth-and-one, keeping a late drive going, and Dave Brown followed with a 40-yard TD pass to Chris Calloway to beat Washington.

ers 13, Packers 10 The Bucs stayed alive in the playoffs and won for the first time ever in temperatures below 43 degrees Fahrenheit (6 degrees centigrade) - it was a brisk 39 in Tampa.

After Brett Favre had given the Packers a 10-7 lead with an eight-yard TD pass to Keith Jackson six minutes into the final quarter, Michael Husted kicked a 38-yarder to tie it with 4:48 left. Green Bay's Chris Jacke missed from 45 yards with five seconds left. Tampa won the toss in overtime and Trent Dilfer moved them to the Green Bay 29, setting up Husted's third gamewinner of the seaso

In games reported in Monday's late edi-

Eagles 20, Cowboys 17 The game again put Jerry Jones, the Dallas owner, on the spot for replacing Jimmy Johnson with Barry Switzer last season after two straight Super Bowl victories.

Switzer twice chose to go for a fourth-and-one at the Cowboys 29 with the score tied at 17-17. Philadelphia stopped Smith's first run, but officials had whistled the play dead for the two-minute warning. Switzer again went for it and Andy Harmon stuffed Smith for no gain.

("they punt in that situation in high school, college and the pros"). Switzer's players defended him.

"If you can't make an itty bitry inch, you shouldn't be playing this game, "said Deion Sanders, who was beaten by Fred Barnett for a two-point conversion that was crucial to the comeback by the Eagles, who now trail Dalias by just a game in the NFC East.

After the Eagles stopped Smith the second time, they opted to kick a field goal. Gary Anderson was good from 42 yards but the referee signaled be hadn't started the play. Anderson had to kick again. He made it. 49ers 31, Panthers 10 Steve Young, side-

lined with shoulder problems in Carolina's victory Nov. 5 in San Francisco, threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third in the rematch. Young completed 31 of 45 passes for 336 yards in what was easily his best performance since undergoing surgery

Nov. 13 on his throwing shoulder.

Bengels 16, Bears 10 Jeff Blake dinked and dunked against Chicago's deep coverage to set up three field goals, then threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Damay Scott, sending the Cincinnati Bengals to a 16-10 sections. victory. Chicago became a long shot for a playoff appearance when its offense froze on a frosty afternoon.

Sile 48, Rams 27 Jim Kelly threw four Steelers' wide receiver Yancey Thigpen, left, trying the shake the Raiders' cornerback Terry McDaniel in Oakland. touchdown passes despite a sore throwing shoulder and Thurman Thomas returned from a hamstring injury with 129 yards rushing in Buffalo's victory in St. Louis. Kelly completed 19 of 25 passes for 237 yards and had none picked off.

Falcone 19, Saints 14 In Atlanta, Morten Andersen kicked four field goals including an NFL record three of more than 50 yards to give Atlanta a victory over his former New Orleans teammates

Colts 41, Jeguara 31 Aaron Bailey returned the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown and the visiting Colts scored twice after Jacksonville turnovers to beat the Jaguars. Lione 24, Ollers 17 In Houston, Steve

McNair threw his first career touchdown pass, but Detroit's top-ranked offense got a pair of TD passes from Scott Mitchell to Herman Moore for a victory, the Lions' fifth straight.

Fans cheered when McNair, called McMillionaire because of his seven-year, \$28.7 million contract, replaced Chris Chandler at the start of the second half. McNair hit Chris Sanders, a fellow rookie. for a 39-yard touchdown pass with 6:13 to play. But it was too late to make up for the mistake-prone Oilers' offense.

Publicts 31, Jets 28 Troy Brown scooped up Dave Meggen's fumbled kickoff return "That's why they have Monday-morn-ing quarterbacks," Jones said even as down with 5:39 left as host New England Switzer was taken to task by Johnson blundered its way past bumbling New York.



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Tennis Cup That Serves No Purpose

By Christopher Clarey Special to the Herold Tribune

PARIS — The news from Munich trickled in regularly last week: Pete Sampras had a nosebleed; Boris Becker had a problem with crowd movement; Goran lvanisevic had hit yet another ace.

All the while, one question kept performing a long, baseline rally through my brain: Why were they still playing tennis? Since its inception in 1990, the Grand Slam Cup has drawn considerable fire

and attention for the Vantage massive a-Point mounts of prize mon-

ey it offers: \$6 million overall and \$1,625 million for the winner. It is the richest purse in a sport hardly lacking in riches, and it is certainly out of kilter with the event's importance and tradition. But in an age when Mike Tyson earns nearly \$2 million for winning a

weeklong tournament. The more profound problem with the Grand Slam Cup is its place on the cal-endar. The 1995 men's season began on Jan. 2 with hardcourt tournaments in Doha. Qatar and Adelaide, Australia. It finished on Sunday when Ivanisevic, a fine player who had done little of note all season, served his way past Todd Martin, another fine player who had done little of note all season. In 19 days, the 1996 season will begin with hardcourt tournaments in Doha.

Qatar and Adelaide, Australia. This glut is inexcusable. It is bad for the general public, which has difficulty knowing when one season ends and another begins and no time to catch its breath and actually begin missing tennis. More importantly, it is bad for the

sport's chief asset: its players, who are asking too much of their bodies and psyches and potentially shortening their ca-signed last year with sponsor Compaq reers. "Tennis needs a real off-season." Andre Agassi has said. Of course, all the stars need to do to

extend their off-season is say no to the Grand Slam Cup, which is open to the top generates \$2 million annually for the ITF 16 players in the year's four Grand Slam development fund that promotes tennis Boris Becker said no, calling the money

indecent, until 1993, when it mined out, inconveniently, that his new manager, Axel Meyer Wolden, was promoting the event. Jim Courier has said no since 1991, to save his energy for the new year.

But most of the game's other main exercise in the boxing ring, how can one the Grand Slam Cup's credibility is that other German city. Hannover. they generally don't do well. Since Sampras won the mangural event in 1990, the 'court the hero of an emotional U.S. vic-Grand Slam Cup has been searching for another worthy champion. Its winners have either been players of lesser stature juiced up for a huge payday (David Wheaton, Petr Korda, Magnus Larsson) or players of major stature juiced up for a huge payday in an off year (Michael Stich in 1992 and, now, Ivanisevic).

"It's a little extra Christmas money," Sampras said.

That is hardly what the International Tennis Federation had in mind when it 'day.

launched the event in 1990, the year the players broke away and formed the ATP Tonr. The idea was to create an event that would be too incranive to ignore and, along with the Grand Slam events, form the skeleton of an ITF tour. Philippe Chatrier, the ITF president at the time, has said since his retirement that it is a mistake. But it lives on, and an agreement

ensures that it will continue through at least 1999. It is not without value, Crowds have increased steadily in Mu-

nich to near capacity this year, The event generates \$2 million annually for the ITF around the globe.

For that reason alone, this event might deserve to exist, but not in mid-December. The promoters agree, but it will remain in its current alot in 1996. And it remains highly doubtful that those who run the ATP Tour will accommodate a move to October that could take the shine off their earns \$40 million for 89 seconds of light attractions keep coming. The problem for year-end ATP Tour Championship in an-

tory. His right hamstring was strained. His bank account was full, but he was still beading for Munich the next day. As the Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, he was cutitled to \$500,000 just for showing

up and playing his first-round match.
"What am I supposed to do?" he said, his arms out in mock belplessness.

In Munich, Sampras won his first-round match, collected his money and then defaulted because of his leg injury the next

What set him apart was the "Bo Bo Jackson, the former two-sport star Knows" advertising campaign. His rapport

Now, Bo Knows His Family

was among those scheduled to graduate Tuesday at Aubum University.

Ten years after his 1985 Heisman Trophy like some clinic, so season. Jackson completed a bachelor of letic Stardom 101." science degree in family and child devel-opment. It's part of Bo's life after sports. He also aspires to act in movies and television series, and Bo only knows what else.

"I'm very serious about this," Jackson said in April, when he announced his retirement from sports, closing the curtain on a unique career.

Jackson was a baseball all-star with the electrifying National Football Leaguerunning backs. Highlights of his short career included a 91-yard touchdown run against Seattle on Monday Night Football, and snapping his bat in two after a strikeout.

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Jackson, 33, retired because of injuries, including a crushed hip suffered playing for the Los Angeles Raiders in 1991. He retired from football but played parts of four baseball seasons, two with an artificial hip.

father he couldn't be when he was Bo.

"After eight months, I've really gotten Kansas City Royals and one of the most to know my family." Jackson said when he retired.

Jackson was set to suit up in cap and gown and receive his degree in the basketball arena on the Auburn campus, across a parking lot from the football stadium.

Since then he has been spending time with his family in suburban Chicago, being the Time to Draw in Soccer World Cup's Shoot-Out

PARIS - The majestic surroundings of the Louvre are an unlikely setting for 190 hollow balls being plucked from goldfish bowls. Yet, the soccer fortunes of 161 countries will be partly decided Tuesday as their teams are allotted opponents in the scramble to qualify for one of 32 places in the 1998 World Cup finals in France.

There are more balls than countries because several of the continental qualifying tournaments are extremely intricate. Thus the draw at the Louvre will determine permutations beyond the first qualifying

South America is not involved in the draw. Brazil has already qualified as reigning champion and nine other Latin nations will play in a mini-championship, with the top four going to France.

Africa has been awarded two more places, for a total of five, in the expanded

finals. Nigeria, the African champion, Cameroon and Egypt all have byes into the

Asia and the Central and North American confederation each have at least three places in the finals. The fourth-best Asian team will compete for a place in the final in a playoff with the winner of the Oceania competition. Europe's system of nine groups of either

five or six teams to decide 14 final places betweeb 49 nations, has drawn criticism. The nine group winners and the best secondplace country will qualify but the eight other runners-up will be involved in do-or-die playoffs from which only four will emerge.

FIFA, the governing body of world soc-cer, proposed a simpler system of seven groups of seven teams with the top two from each group entering the finals. But last weekend FIFA accepted a plan by UEFA, which runs European soccer, even part.

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though UEFA has not yet worked out how it is going to grade the performance of the second-place teams.

Because finishing first in the group will be so important, the nine top seeds — Germany, Spain, Italy, Russia, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden and Romania - will be eager to avoid England, Portugal and Belgium of the second seeds. Croatia of the third and Yugoslavia of the fourth.

The complex operation of the draw will be a television spectacular beamed around the globe, lasting the 90 minutes of a soccer match and featuring showbiz entertainment as well as a lot of soccer balls.

The program will be presented by Estelle Hallyday, a model and the daughter in-law of the pop singer Johnny Hallyday. Sports celebrities will carry out the draw.

President Jacques Chirac will also take

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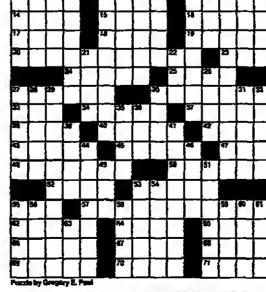
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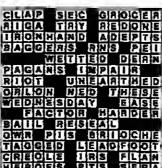
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Those Weird Matchups Knicks' Lineup Stymies the Spurs

David Robinson found that playing game losing streak.

Sainst the New York Knicks' four-guard Norman's basket with 2:38 left tied the against the New York Knicks' four-guard lineup can be trouble for a 7-footer. How-Smits, the 7-foot-4 Indiana Pacer, against for good.

the Clippers and he took full advantage. Robinson's San Antonio Spurs lost to New York, 118-112, in double overtime

NBA ROUNDUP

Sunday night despite his season-high 45 points and 16 rebounds.

The Knicks had to field a small lineup in the last 31/2 minutes of overtime after their

Their little lineup really caused a lot of

Pacers 111, Clippers 104 Smits had no problems against the Clippers, dominating their center, Brian Williams, down low and

scoring a career-high 44 points.
Smits tied the team record for field goals with a career-high of 20 in 29 attempts. Using his height advantage to dominate Williams and Keith Tower inside, the 7foot-4 (2.23-meter) center scored 13 points in each of the first two quarters.

The Pacers opened a 22-point lead in the third quarter, but needed a final spurt to hold off the visiting Clippers, who lost their eighth consecutive game.

Reptors 93, Grizzlies 81 Vancouver set an NBA record for losses by an expansion team with their 18th straight defeat in the league's first all-Canadian matchup.

Toronto, the expansion team from the eastern side of Canada, beat the Grizzlies in Vancouver behind the 24 points scored by the rookie Damon Stoudamire. Miami had held the record by going 0-17

to start the 1988-89 season. Hawks 108, Celtics 103 Ken Norman scored 26 points and Grant Long added 15

with 16 rebounds as Atlanta stopped a five-

game at 98, and Long made two free throws ever, the marchups were all in favor of Rik with 1:42 left to give the visitors the lead

> Norman hit a fall-away as the shot clock expired for a four-point lead. Dino Radja scored 28 with nine re-

bounds to lead the Celtics. Kings 110, Heat 90 Sacramento capital-ized on the absence of three injured Miami

Playing without Alonzo Mourning, Kevin Willis and Billy Owens, the Heat

suited up nine players. entire starting front line fouled out.

"They had a lot of their big guys out and that was frustrating," Robinson said.

Mitch Richmond, playing only 22 minutes, paced a balanced attack with 15 points as Sacramento won for the sixth time in

seven games. Lakers 87, Pistons 82 Sedale Threatt made consecutive three-pointers 20 sec-

onds apart as Los Angeles broke a 78-78 tie and went on to beat Detroit. Viade Divac scored seven of his 20 points in the final five minutes for the Lakers, including three points in the final 46 seconds. He also had 13 rebounds.

Cedric Ceballos led the Lakers with 22. Allan Hunter scored 21 for Detroit, seeking its third straight road victory.

Trail Blazers 103, Rockets 101 Arvidas Sabonis made a short hook shot at the buzzer to lift Portland over Houston in double overtime. However, replays indicated that Sabonis let loose his shot after time expired and the

replacement referees allowed the basket despite Houston's angry objections.
Rod Strickland led the Trail Blazers with
32 points, including a basket that put host
Portland ahead 101-99 with 61 seconds

remaining in the second overtime. Hakeem Olajuwon, who scored 24 points, made a 10-foot jumper from the baseline to tie the score at 101 with 18



Avery Johnson, right, of the San Antonio Spurs battling Derek Harper, at 6 foot 4 inches, part of the Knicks' small lineup. third straight victory.

Islanders Rise In Philly to Top The Flyers, 6-2

The lowly New York Islanders not only beat the Philadelphia Flyers, they buried

"It really felt great beating the Flyers," the goaltender, Tommy Soderstrom said after the visiting Islanders romped, 6-2, at the Spectrum on Sunday night. The Flyers, who had the fourth-best

NHL ROUNDUP

record in the league, were never in the game against the last-place Islanders. The victory had extra meaning for Soderstrom, who played for the Flyers from 1992-94.

Alexander Semak had two goals and two assists. Andrei Vasilyev added his first two career goals and an assist for the Islanders, who had dropped three straight. The Islanders' had lost three games in a row. the Flyers had won seven straight at home, scoring 33 goals, but were shut down by Soderstrom

Capitale 6, Jets 1 Steve Konowalchuk scored three times and had an assist as Washington handed the Jets their third straight loss in Winnipeg. The Capitals had one of the lowest goal totals in the NHL --only two teams had scored less than Washington's 70 - but they walloped the Jets.

Stackhawks 4, Whalers 1 In Chicago, Jeff Hackett made 27 saves as the Blackhawks snapped a four-game winless streak. Murray Craven, Keith Carney and Joe Murphy scored first-period goals for the Blackhawks who had not won since beating Edmonton on Nov. 28 - the last time Hackett played.

Ollers 3, Mighty Ducks 1 In Anaheim, California, Kent Manderville scored his first goal in more than 20 months and set up a shorthanded goal by Scott Thornton as Edmonton beat the Mighty Ducks for its

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ET. LOUIS—Signed Dave Elland, pilcher, Dann Howit, auffielder, Paul Torres, 1st baseman-outsielder, and Ty Griffer, 2d baseman, to minor league contracts. Agreed to terms with Mills Morgan and Jeff Parrett, pilchers, on 1-year contracts and Jose Oquendo, inflatider, on minor-league

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATI
DISTROT—Waved Molf Flair, center,
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ter, from the injured list,
PORTLAND—Activated Harvey Grant, foryeard, from the injured list. Walved Reggie Slater.

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Williamson, forward, from the Injured Bst.

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NATIONAL, POTTRALL, LEAGUE

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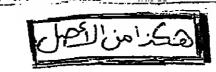






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Edward Yang: A 'City Rat' From Taipei to Portland

By Joan Dupont International Herald Tribune

TAIPEI -- The small house in the alley has A different things happening on each level: Students and stray dogs loiter in the hall, and on the second floor, Edward Yang has his study and editing room. It is, in fact, a small studio

named Yang & His Gang.
"I recently changed the title to Atom Films,"
he says, "like in Atomic." But he is still boss. In this house he writes, teaches, designs sets, and edits the movies. "It's handicraft. I have to do everything myself, down to subtitles, because in Taiwan, we don't have that midlevel manpower: we only have bosses.

A leader of Taiwan's New Wave, Yang has been called the Taiwanese Antonioni, admired and disparaged for his dark films and Western

"That's what critics do to you, and then people say, 'Oh, he's too Westernized.' I never thought of myself as Antonioni; I think I'm an optimistic human being. Pessimism is the privilege of the optimist.

He sees himself more like Woody Alleo, a humanist who cracks jokes, and he admits he doesn't have much in common with "the other"

Chinese directors,
"We're all filmmakers, just like the American independents, but basically, we're from different working backgrounds and we have different interests." He appreciates mainland Chinese films, but not "the more commercial ones about concubines: I like to portray Chinese women as strong; they live 10 years longer than men, and in our Confucian society, these are

very powerful years."

Yang with actresses Chen Xiangi and Ni Shr
After the yellow earth and spacey sense of
history portrayed in the films of Chen Keige and
rebels without a cause, with no stars and hun-Zhang Yimou, Yang's Taipei scene looks like a dreds of nonprofessionals who work with him kaleidoscope of the island's crammed past, a story of occupation, corruption, and violence. Sad-eyed immigrants from the mainland lose track of their values, and their kids. School gangs run rampant; lovers miss; typhoons

Taipei is always at the center of a Yang film. "I'm a city rat, even if I make a historic piece. I

want to make it pertinent to today."
"That Day on the Beach" (1983), starring Sylvia Chang, was the first part of an urban trilogy, a melancholy chronicle of modern love during the economic miracle. He cast pon the singer Tsai Chin in "Taipei Story" (1985) and Cora Miso in "The Terrorizer" (1986), and theo you become liberalized, you get this kind



Yang with actresses Chen Xiangi and Ni Shujun, right, of "A Confucian Confusion."

still. The movie was an international success.

"A Brighter Summer Day' is really about my generation, growing up under a dictator-ship," he says. "We had this disciplinarian education, and when we crossed that line, we were responsible. Today, there's too much unnecessary information --- it caters to standardization - and kids are brought up to listen

instead of making up their own minds."

These mindless kids were at the center of his last movie, "A Confucian Confusion," a comedy about yuppies who wander in and out of love

Confucian is a word often on his lips. "When you become liberalized, you get this kind of took years preparing "A Brighter Summer Day" Confucian waste. A few years ago, with the (1991), a brilliant group portrait of 14-year-old lifting of martial law, it was like the fall of the

Berlin Wall — everybody was optimistic. We used to think we were held back by the regime - I used to think that Mao did those atrocities to our people with his cultural revolution - but we allowed him to do it. Confucian culture means you believe in something outside yourself; democracy means you have to believe in

Yang, who has an American passport, has studied and worked as an engineer in the United

"I arrived in Florida the year after the lunar landings. We were all — three brothers and a sister — interested in the humanities, but we had to get scientific training, that's the Asian mentality. My dad came from a standard Con-fucian family with a long tradition of serving

free. Here's a movie I may make some day: My mother's father was from the north. During the warlord days, he happened to follow the wrong warlord and ended in jail. This American missionary got interested in him because he could read and write, he converted him and got the

warlord to release him. His parents met in Chongqing, the capital of China during the war, they moved to Shanghai where he was born in 1947, then Taipei, like the civil servants in "A Brighter Summer Day," "I was not a good student, but I was a pretty good comic book artist. I loved to draw cartoons and make up stories. I still enjoy the same things, if

you can't, you can't become a filmmaker. During college, he got a whiff of the New Wave, from France and from Germany, and thought he might do something other than engineering: "Werner Herzog was a big influence in the '70s. I almost gave up my idea of being a filmmaker, and then I saw this weind movie, 'A miles' and it immind to the the same than the saw this weind movie, Aguirre,' and it inspired me."

He was reading American books, listening to the music. "I began to read magazines, and underground stuff. My own people think I look down on them, but it's not that. I think we're very deprived on the cultural level. Since liberalization, people are free to say what they think, and what they say most is, 'We don't like art." Suddenly, we felt we weren't commercial enough. I don't want to say I'm an artistic filmmaker, I just want to be a good film-

The boom of movies from Hong Kong played part in the urge to commercialization, and now Hollywood movies are taking over, he says. Distributors go after Hollywood pictures, next the American independents, then the European movies. In a city like Taipei, we're used to things coming from the outside. I tell my kids this is a good time to be subversive. A machine like Hollywood needs fresh ideas,"

Although he feels very connected to Taipei, he wouldn't mind working elsewhere. "I think the Pacific Ocean is shrinking. Many of my friends spend one month in the U.S., one month here. Actually, my next project will be set in Seattle or in Portland."

He is working on a script with a childhood friend whose father was one of the first Asian American policemen in Seattle. "A real character, but he got in trouble and left the force; the next day, he became a mobster. My friend works for Disney, so we're doing some family entertainment together. There's so much stereotyping of Chinese families. I want to show that the government. we're just like everybody — we're not cops all.

"My mother is a Protestant. She let us be the time, we can be mobsters."

POSTCARD

U.S. Plant Poachers on High Alert for 'Green Gold'

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran

WASHINGTON — It may be the only native plant in Virginia that resideots have taken to protecting with surveillance cameras, motion detectors and shotguns. Those who have it don't boast about their harvest, referring to their crop only in hushed tones as "green gold."

The commodity? It's not marijuana or cocaine, but the tiny ginseng plant.

root, used in Southeast Asia for centuries to potence, doubled this year to as much as \$500 a pound in the United States. The price jump has many property owners complaining of ginseng poachers, and it has

gered species - could be wiped out by overharvesting in some areas.

"The natural population is very threat-ened." said Andy Hankins, a Virginia Cooperative Extension Service specialist in alternative agriculture. "When the price hit \$300 in 1993, many people hit the woods. This year, when it went to \$500, they just went wild."

There's oo short le of the cultivated type. but it brings only \$25 to \$40 a pound and is oot highly sought after by Asian buyers. who think it has less therapeutic value.

It's the wild variety that horticulturists are concerned about, because landowners and thieves, eager to make a quick buck endocrine glands, as well as cure illnesses, agriculture officials worried that the wild while prices are high, are harvesting young most Wester plant — already classified as an endan-plants that haven't had a chance to scatter such claims. while prices are high, are harvesting young most Western physicians have not endorsed

WEATHER

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their seeds. Ginseng plants take six years to fully mature.

Federal law permits harvesting of ginseng from Aug. 15 to Dec. 31. But those hunting for the plant have found it increasingly difficult to locate. "These days, you're going to have to look for a long time before you find any in the wild," said Robert L. Rowent wild."

American ginseng, which has slightly different properties from Asian varieties, comes in two varieties: cultivated and wild.

Indiany in the wild, Sain Robert L. Rossout They have said man has the wild stuff. Sain Robert L. Rossout They have said man his mang, president of the Ginseng Research allment probably was caused by Institute of America, based in Wausau, Wisacrus, leading to severe deconsin. The pressure is astronomical on hydration and lowering his comes in two varieties: cultivated and wild. increase is the result of increased demand if Asia and a growing appetite for the herb in the United States. The ginseng root is commonly processed into tablets, teas, extract, creams and other products. Although some believe ginseng can stimulate brain cells and

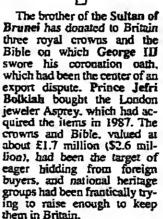
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PEOPLE

THE singer Michael Jack-son is continuing to recover from the gastrointestinal ailment that made him collapse last week, and his condition has been upgraded to stable and improving. Doctors at Beth Israel Medical Center North in New York say that his beart is "com-pletely normal" and he may be moved out of intensive care soon. They have said that his

Michael Douglas and Val Kilmer are in South Africa filming a story of lions that preyed on workers during the building of a railroad. Douglas said at a news conference in Johannesburg that "The Ghost and the Darkness" will create an estimated 2,500 jobs during its filming at the Songimvelo Game Reserve. The South African actor John Kani, also in the film, said it would tell a colonial-era tale from

African point of view.



Spike Lee is taking on the small screen with big hopes. The filmmaker said there were too many cartoonish sitcoms about black life and not enough



Val Kilmer, left, John Kani and Michael Douglas at news conference in Johannesburg.

writing his own pilot for CBS. "I'm working on a pilot called 'Slim's Table' that looks at older black men who gather every day at a Greek restaurant and talk about life." he told TV Guide. "This is a drama, but that doesn't mean it has to be devoid of humor." Phil Collins emerged as British rock and roll's top earn-

er last year. The top 10 was dominated by aging stars with the 44-year-old Collins leading the field with earnings of £24.2 million, according to the survey by the music industry analyst Cliff Dane. Next came the 48year-old Elten John with £12.65 million, followed by Eric Clapton, Sting and Annie Lennox. David Bowie, Rod

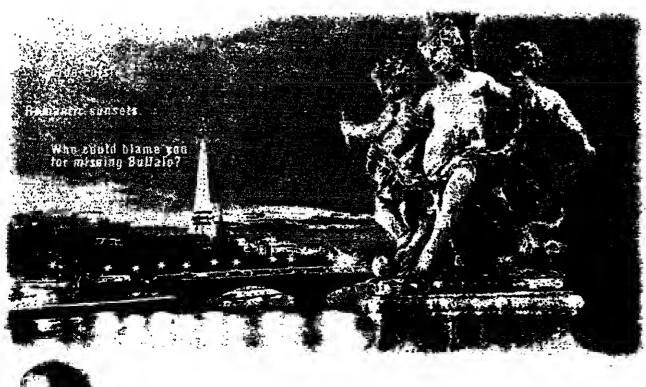
black dramas on TV, so he's Stewart and the Rolling At one, he asked students to based abroad, Dane said.

> Joe Eszterhas, the writer of Basic Instinct" and "Showgirls," showed up to accept the Sour Apple Award, given by the Hollywood Women's Press Club to the celebrity deemed least newsworthy or to those who "believe their own publicity." He was the first recipient in 55 years to accept the dubious honor in person.

> Ice-T, the rapper who wrote 'Cop Killer,' has a new message for teens: Stay away from drugs, violence and the fast buck. Ice-T spoke to students at three schools in Minneapolis.

Stones did not appear on the raise their hands if they knew chart because their finances are someone who sold or used drugs and ran with a gang. Almost all 900 in the audience raised their hands. When he asked whether they knew anyone older than 25 with that lifestyle who had not gone to jail or been shot, all but a few hands came down. 'There is no retirement, and you can't win, he said.

> The writer Marsha Norman has made a plea for the preservation of the National Endowment for the Arts. The Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-win-ning novelist and playwright told a Kentucky Arts Council. Art is how a culture records its life, how it poses questions for the next generation and how it



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